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TODAY'S WEATHER
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FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON: A DAY HOURS OF TERROR

7:59 a.m.
American Airlines Flight 11, carrying 92 people, leaves Boston's Logan International Airport for Los Angeles, according to Massachusetts Port Authority.

8:01 a.m.
United Airlines Flight 93, carrying 45 people, leaves Newark, N.J., International Airport for San Francisco.

8:14 a.m.
United Airlines Flight 175, carrying 65 people, leaves Boston for Los Angeles.

The second of two jets approaches the World Trade Center before hitting it.

8:45 a.m.
American Flight 11 crashes into North Tower of World Trade Center.

9:01 a.m.
United Flight 175 crashes into South Tower of World Trade Center.

9:40 a.m.
American Airlines Flight 77, carrying 64 people from Washington to Los Angeles, crashes into Pentagon.

9:50 a.m.
Two World Trade Center – the South Tower – collapses.

10 a.m.
United Flight 93 crashes 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

10:29 a.m.
One World Trade Center – the North Tower – collapses.

ATTACK ON AMERICA

HIJACKED PLANES HIT, DESTROY WORLD TRADE CENTER TOWERS

RESCUERS TRAPPED BY COLLAPSE; PENTAGON ATTACKED

FOURTH JET CRASHES; OSAMA BIN LADEN TERROR GROUP SUSPECTED

The twin towers of the World Trade Center burn behind the Empire State Building in New York after terrorists crashed two commercial planes into the buildings.

MARTY LEDERHANDLER/Associated Press

Nation shaken by deadliest act of terrorism

On Cape, prayers mix with calls for revenge

By MEG MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

As they have for centuries, Cape Codders gathered together yesterday in the face of unfathomable tragedy.

They prayed for world peace in church buildings, or stared at big-screen television sets in department stores, or ordered stiff drinks at local bars.

Everywhere, the talk was of horror.

But the talk took many forms.

A priest in green robes stood between burning candles as people knelt in prayer at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Hyannis last night. In the wooden pews in front of him, couples held hands and children sat wedged protectively between parents. The crowd of about 60 people shouted emotional responses to each prayer incantation.

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Anguish and disbelief were the primary emotions for those watching the World Trade Center burn yesterday.

By DAVID CRARY
and JERRY SCHWARTZ
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK – In the most devastating terrorist onslaught ever waged against the United States, knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center yesterday, toppling its twin 110-story towers. The deadly calamity was witnessed on televisions across the world as another plane slammed into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed outside Pittsburgh.

"Today, our nation saw evil," President Bush said in an address to the nation last night. He said thousands of lives were "suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror."

Said Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet: "We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor."

Establishing the U.S. death toll could take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors. At the Pentagon, about 100 people were believed dead.

Flying aboard American Airlines Flight 11, the first to hit the Trade Center, was David Angell, 54, executive producer of the NBC television show "Frasier." He was flying from Boston to Los Angeles with his wife Lynn, according to Angell's brother. The Most Rev. Kenneth Angell, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vt.

The Angells were returning from their summer home in Chatham, where Bishop Angell and other relatives had just spent a joyful family wedding weekend.

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

FLIGHT RECORDERS: There's a good chance the planes' "black boxes" survived the initial impact of the crash. Whether they withstood the fire is the key question; they can endure a 2,102-degree fire for an hour.

SOOT-COVERED OFFICER TAKES A BREAK | EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AT THE PENTAGON | PALESTINIAN REACTION

NEWS BRIEFS

EYEWITNESSES TO CHAOS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two women embrace in horror outside the World Trade Center after yesterday's terrorist attack on the twin skyscrapers.

Palestinians rejoice in U.S.'s vulnerability

LONDON – Governments around the world offered condolences to an America that looked more vulnerable than ever after yesterday's terror attacks, but thousands of Palestinians celebrated in the West Bank and in Lebanese refugee camps.

People on every continent watched in horror as astonishing images of terror in the United States filled their television screens. But in the West Bank town of Nablus, about 3,000 Palestinians cheered in the streets and distributed candy to passers-by, and Iraqi television played a patriotic song that began *"Down with America!"* as it showed the World Trade Center towers collapsing.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat offered his sympathy to Americans.

Communications jammed by attack

NEW YORK – The destruction of more than a hundred antennas atop the World Trade Center One tower knocked all but one city-based television station off the air yesterday. Meanwhile, destroyed equipment and heavy volume crippled the phone system as millions were unable to complete calls.

Verizon Communications, the United States' largest local telephone and wireless service provider, said the terrorist attack caused telephone traffic to more than double from the usual 115 million calls made daily in the New York metro region.

Telephone traffic in Washington, D.C., normally, about 35 million calls a day, also doubled.

Making a cellular phone call in lower Manhattan was particularly difficult because of lost antennas and switches that were housed in the towers as well as the extreme demand for service.

Canadian military on alert; airports closed

OTTAWA – The Canadian government tightened security in major cities and along the American border after yesterday's terrorist attacks, and dozens of intercontinental flights bound for the United States headed to Canada instead.

The Canadian military was put on alert and major government and tourist sites were closed, including Parliament Hill in the capital, Ottawa, and the tall CN Tower in Toronto. The U.S. Embassy was closed and under increased security. There was no evidence Canada was a target.

NYC injury count expected to rise

NEW YORK – Victims of the World Trade Center attacks streamed to hospitals yesterday as officials in the city and surrounding states called in every available surgeon and nurse.

Hundreds of blood donors rushed to help, even overwhelming blood centers across the country.

Officials at the trauma centers closest to the Trade Center – St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital Center – said the number of patients would likely rise once rescue workers started digging into the rubble.

The Navy sent ships to New York and Washington that included surgical teams and limited hospital beds.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BUSINESS STANDS STILL: THE STOCK MARKETS CLOSE, THE INTERNET CHOKES, BUT THE FEDERAL RESERVE OFFERS ASSURANCES THAT THE BANKING SYSTEM REMAINS STABLE. **PAGE B-6**

AT THE SCENE

'It's like a war zone'

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Firefighters gather around rubble at the base of the World Trade Center towers in New York yesterday, shortly after the building collapsed. Terrorists crashed two hijacked commercial airliners into the twin 110-story towers around 9 a.m., killing an unknown number of people.

■ People wandered the ash-covered streets in a daze; others screamed and ran, as explosions rocked buildings.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK – It was the scene of a nightmare: people on fire jumping in terror from the Trade Towers just before the buildings collapsed.

"Everyone was screaming, crying, running – cops, people, firefighters, everyone," said Mike Smith, a fire marshal from Queens, as he sat by the fountain outside a state courthouse, shortly after the second tower collapsed. "A couple of marshals just picked me up and dragged me down the street. It's like a war zone."

Others compared it to Pearl Harbor as thousands of people poured off the Brooklyn Bridge, fleeing Manhattan covered in gray dust and debris. Many wore respiratory masks, given by the police and fire departments.

Ambulances screamed down every major thoroughfare in Manhattan, depositing casualties at hospitals and returning to get more. Clusters of people, their hands clutched to their heads in horror, stood at boomboxes set up outside stores to listen to the news.

Ash, 2 inches deep, lined the streets. Police and firefighters gasped for air as they emerged from the sealed-off area. At least three explosions were heard, perhaps from gas lines.

Workers from Trade Center offices wandered around lower Manhattan in a daze, many barely able to believe they were alive.

Kenny Johannemann, a janitor, described seeing a man engulfed in flames at One World Trade Center just after the first explosion. He grabbed the man, put the fire out, and dragged him outside. Then Johannemann heard a second explosion – and saw people jumping from the upper stories of the Twin Towers.

"It was horrendous; I can't describe it," Johannemann said.

Donald Burns, 34, was being evacuated from a meeting on the 82nd floor of One World Trade Center, when he saw four severely burned people on the stairwell. "I tried to help them but they didn't want anyone to touch them. The fire had melted their skin. Their clothes were tattered," he said.

After the initial blast, Housing Authority worker Barry Jennings, 46, reported to a command center on the 23rd floor of 7 World Trade Center. He was with Michael Hess, the city's corporation counsel, when they felt and heard another explosion. They scrambled downstairs to the lobby, or what was left of it. "I looked around, the lobby was gone. It looked like hell," Jennings said.

Boris Ozersky, 47, a computer networks analyst, was on the 70th floor of one of the buildings when he felt something like an explosion rock it. He raced down 70 flights of stairs, and got outside, in a mob in front of a nearby hotel. He was trying to calm a panicked women when the building suddenly collapsed.

"I just got blown somewhere, and then it was total darkness. We tried to get away, but I was blown to the ground. And I was trying to help this woman, but I couldn't find her in the darkness," Ozersky said.

After the dust cleared, he found the hysterical woman and took her to a restaurant being used by rescue workers as a triage center.

As most people fled the area, others were drawn to it – desperate for information about friends and relatives who worked there.

"I don't know what to do," a weeping Alan Rivera said as he stood behind barricades, hoping for word about his niece, who worked in the Trade Center. "I can't get through to her on the phone. . . . No one can tell me anything."

Nearby a crowd mobbed a man on a pay phone, screaming at him to get off the phone so that they could call relatives.

"People were jumping out of windows," said an unidentified crying woman. "I guess people were trying to save themselves. Oh my God!"

Commuters heading into Manhattan were stranded as the Lincoln Tunnel was shut down to traffic. Many stood on the ramp, staring in disbelief at the smoke pouring from the top of the buildings.

At the city's hospitals, hundreds lined up to give blood, after hospital workers yelled on the streets, "Blood donations! Blood donations!"

The nation reacts

Closures, evacuations and other measures nationwide in response to yesterday's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington included:

TRANSPORTATION:

■ Federal Aviation Administration shuts airports nationwide. Commercial air traffic restrictions to be lifted Wednesday at noon EST, at the earliest.

■ Greyhound cancels bus service in the Northeast. Elsewhere, bus terminals closed within 1 mile of federal office buildings.

■ Amtrak temporarily suspends train service along the Northeast corridor between Boston and Washington.

■ U.S. section of the St. Lawrence Seaway closed.

MARKETS:

■ All U.S. financial markets closed yesterday.

■ Officials for the New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq Stock Market, American Stock Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Chicago Board Options Exchange and Chicago Stock Exchange said they will remain closed today.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

■ In California, Disneyland, Six Flags Magic Mountain and Knott's Berry Farm close. The Museum of Tolerance and the 1,700-foot Library Tower in Los Angeles shut down.

■ In Florida, Walt Disney World evacuates and closes four theme parks and shopping and entertainment complex. Sea World, Universal Studios, Busch Gardens in Tampa and Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven close early.

■ Philadelphia Liberty Bell and Independence Hall closed.

■ Seattle's Space Needle evacuated and closed.

BORDERS:

■ Tunnel between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, closed to car traffic. Security tightened at all U.S.-Canada border crossings, including the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge.

■ Ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border open with officials on high security alert.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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7-0-7-0

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Exact Order

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First or last three $822.
Any two $45.
Any one $4.

Any Order

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First three $174.
Last three $174.

The winning Mass Cash numbers drawn last night were:

10-16-27-29-30

The winning Big Game numbers drawn last night were:

3-11-33-41-49

The Big Money Ball was: **21**

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

"THIS was an act of war. A major act of war. Pearl Harbor elicited nowhere near the casualties we have here." – *Retired Gen. Alexander Haig*

REACTION IN NEW YORK CITY | DEVASTATION AT THE PENTAGON | MESSAGE FROM CHICAGO

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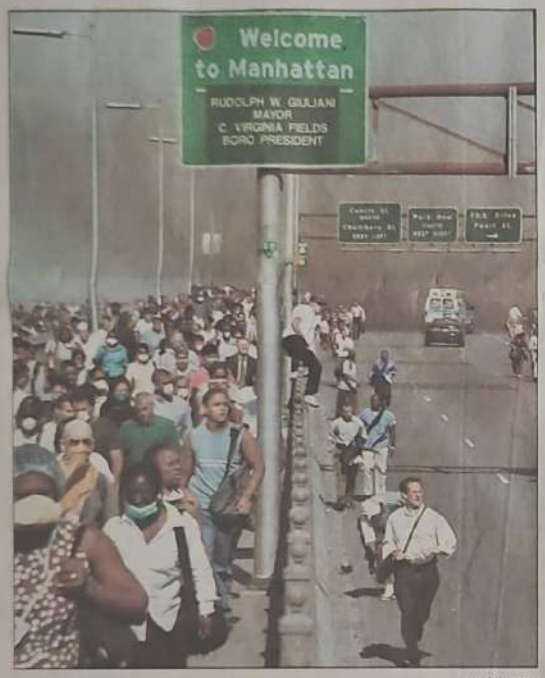
New York City firefighters console one another as they grieve for colleagues lost in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. Hundreds of firefighters were believed to be in the towers trying to rescue victims when the buildings disintegrated.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Framed by the Brooklyn Bridge, a fireball erupts from the South Tower of the World Trade Center while smoke billows from the North Tower after the second terrorist strike yesterday morning. Among the day's many apocalyptic scenes, this one flashed across television screens with numbing frequency, even long after the landmark towers were gone.



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Pedestrians flee lower Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday, many covering their faces against the smoke and dust that settled over the financial district after the World Trade Center attacks.

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Fire hoses arc streams of water over the west entrance of the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., yesterday as firefighters try to contain the flames after a commercial jet crashed into the building.

A New York City police cruiser is buried under the rubble after the collapse the twin towers just a hundred yards away.

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

TWIN TOWERS: At 1,362 feet and 1,368 feet, the two towers of the World Trade Center were planned to exceed the elevation of the Empire State Building by 100 feet. The buildings housed about 55,000 workers at 350 companies.

SOOT RAINS FROM WORLD TRADE CENTER | HALF-STAFF MEMORIAL IN NEW JERSEY | PRAYERS IN FLORIDA

HIJACKED

Message from air is final goodbye

■ A D-Y teacher's answering machine records her husband's last words from Flight 175.

By K.C. MYERS
STAFF WRITER

BARNSTABLE – Minutes before the airplane carrying Brian Sweeney crashed into the World Trade Center, he left a message for his wife on the answering machine in their Barnstable home.

"The plane I'm on has been hijacked, and it doesn't look good," the 38-year-old business consultant told his wife, Julie Sweeney, in a message left shortly before 9 a.m.

At 9:03 a.m., United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the World Trade Center's South Tower.

"He told me he loved me," Sweeney said. "He said to live a long life and to be happy. And he said he'd see me again soon."

Brian and Julie Sweeney just moved to Barnstable two months ago. She is a physical education and health teacher, and a coach, at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

Julie Sweeney left the school yesterday morning after her mother-in-law, in Spencer, called to say that Brian had just talked to her on the phone from the plane.

Julie Sweeney was not sure if her husband was on his cellphone when he called.

She has taken a leave of absence from her teaching position.

"I feel empty," she said last night in a telephone interview.

She said her husband traveled on business by plane about once a month.

"We held out hope until 4 o'clock," she said.

At that point, United Airlines told her that her husband was on Flight 175, which was hijacked from Logan Airport, where it departed at 8:14 a.m. with 65 passengers bound for Los Angeles, according to the Port Authority.

Brian Sweeney told his wife he did not know who hijacked the airplane. He also provided no physical description of the hijackers, she said.

His voice on the answering machine sounded calm, Julie Sweeney said. He was not crying.

"My husband is a very practical person," she said. "When he called, he still had hope. He said he would see me again."

Brian grew up in Spencer. The couple had been married 2½ years. They have no children.

"He is a very brave person," Julie Sweeney said. "He used to be in the military so he knows how to stay calm under stress. He is truly amazing. I'm not just saying that because he is my husband."

Michael Rosen, a family friend, issued a statement on behalf of the family.

"This is a terrible tragedy for everyone involved and at this time the Sweeney family would respectfully request that their privacy be honored so that they may cope with today's incident," Rosen said.

Rosen, an attorney, said his law firm was hired by the victims of the Wakefield office shootings in December, in which seven employees of Edgewater Technology were shot.

Telecast grief

MATT SUESS/Cape Cod Times

Mark and Laura Holden of Hyannis stop before a television screen inside the Sears store at the Cape Cod Mall to hear the first of President Bush's two televised addresses following yesterday's terrorist acts.

FAMILY

'I don't think I'm going to make it'

■ Centerville family waits for word on son who worked in Trade Center.

By TREVOR MAXWELL
STAFF WRITER

CENTERVILLE – Ken always felt safe with his older brother.

Stuart seemed invincible.

He had been the athlete, throwing fastballs by outmatched hitters, letting his little brother tag along.

Later he became a husband and father of two boys. Stuart Meltzer was a confident businessman at age 32, literally on top of the world, working on floor 103 of One World Trade Center, New York City.

So those images on television – smoke-filled camera shots of the devastated twin towers – those simply could not be.

Ken Meltzer, 29, was on his way to work in Hyannis yesterday when he heard the news. Within minutes he was on the phone with his father, who told him Stuart was trapped up there.

After the first plane slammed into his building, Stuart reached his wife, Lisa, on a cellphone.

"He called his wife and said, 'I love you, I don't think I'm going to make it, take care of the children,'" said Zachary Meltzer, his father. "They tried to lock themselves in a room to get away from the smoke."

In Centerville, Zachary and his wife, Joyce, sat with Ken, transfixed by the television images. They backed away from the screen when the second plane hit, sending up a ball of fire. Then the towers fell, leaving dust clouds.

"My brother is up there," he told himself quietly. "I can't believe that this is how it ends."

He had just seen Stuart a week ago. They were up to the Cape from Long Island: His brother and Lisa and the boys, Jake, 3, and Dylan, only a few months old. They had gone to dinner and played with the kids. Stuart was happy. He had recently been promoted to West Coast power manager of an energy company called TradeSpark.

"We're a close family. We see them all the time. They would fly up on weekends to go to Red Sox games with us."

Now Ken felt as if he were up in that tower.

"Seeing that building collapse and not being able to do anything," Ken said. "I feel like I died in there with him. He was the best brother a man could have.

"How many thousands of people died today? How many people lost brothers and sisters and children? You know how many families are going through this right now?

"This is the scariest thing I have ever seen."

Zachary Meltzer, eyes reddened by grief, had spent a frantic morning trying to get information about his son.

"He was high up in the towers, both collapsed, I think he's gone," he said.

Now, clearly exhausted, he could only recite Stuart's achievements.

"He played ball in Newton, played ball at Michigan, graduated from Trinity College in Connecticut, was the West Coast power manager at TradeSpark," he said. "They took my son in his prime. There are two little boys without their father."

He struggled to keep his balance in the middle of the driveway. Ken put a hand on his back.

For the little brother, the world has already changed. But there was part of him that wanted to hold onto hope, even yesterday afternoon when the phone stopped ringing and there were no lists of the dead to check.

He wanted an official word, to tell him that it is real.

"We have to be sure," he said.

Staff writer Anne Brennan contributed to this report.

CAPE RESPONSE

102nd on alert to guard northeastern skies

■ Helicopters are sent to Long Island while fighters intensify patrols.

By JAMES KINSELLA and KEVIN DENNEHY
STAFF WRITERS

Airmen from Cape Cod responded yesterday to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The 102nd Fighter Wing of the Massachusetts Air National Guard, which operates from the Otis Air National Guard Base on the Upper Cape, is charged with defense of the northeastern United States, including New York and Washington.

The wing has 18 F-15 Eagle jet fighters.

A base spokeswoman said Otis was responding to assignments given by the North American Aerospace Defense Command, which is headquartered in Colorado and coordinates U.S. air defense.

Otis Air National Guard Base, the Coast Guard's Air Station Cape Cod and the Army Guard's Camp Edwards, which are all on the Massachusetts Military Reservation, were all put on a heightened state of alert.

Effective yesterday morning, the three installations were closed to all but essential personnel. Security guards were posted at all entrances to the reservation.

STEVE HEASLIP/Cape Cod Times

F-15 fighters return to Otis Air National Guard Base after a patrol yesterday.

RELATED STORY
Was Otis asked to intercept hijacked planes? **A-13**

School buses checked

Security was tightened even at a Bourne public school located on the base.

As busloads of kindergartners rolled toward the Otis Memorial School for the afternoon session, they were greeted by National Guardsmen who searched their buses.

The Otis school, which serves all children of military families and every kindergartener in the Bourne system, stayed open all day and will remain open today, officials said.

The Coast Guard sent two Jayhawk HH-60 helicopters from Air Station Cape Cod to assist in medical evacuations of victims of the terrorist attacks.

The two helicopters, each carrying four crewmembers, flew to Long Island and were standing by to help, according to Lt. Rob Barthelmes at the Cape station.

A Falcon jet also was standing by at Air Station Cape Cod late yesterday afternoon to ferry more crewmembers and medical equipment to the Cape helicopters on Long Island.

Early yesterday evening, it was unclear whether Otis was operating many more F-15 flights than usual. A base spokeswoman, Lt. Col. Margaret Quenneville, declined to comment on how many jets were activated yesterday.

The base keeps two F-15s ready to fly on a moment's notice 24 hours a day.

Fighters scramble

Several residents of the Pickerel Cove neighborhood, which is near flight paths taken by the F-15s, sensed increased fighter activity.

"Today wasn't typical," said a resident who declined to give his name. "Today was jets leaving all day long."

Another neighborhood resident, Bill Thompson, said he noticed increased activity around 10 or 10:30 a.m. yesterday, with the fighters taking off in pairs.

An apparent increased activity in the sky was matched by increased scrutiny on the ground.

William Wibel, principal of the Otis Memorial School on the base, said that school buses were searched for any hint of explosives.

"There was no noticeable impact on the children," Wibel said. "We just played it down as a visitor on the bus."

Several parents who were nervous about their children being on the base, came and pulled them out of school. While tensions are sure to remain on edge for days, Wibel assured parents that the Otis school will be a safe place for children. All doors to the building will remain bolted, and school officials will continue to check the IDs of any schools visitors.

And while the military base wasn't closed, its gates were locked to anyone who wasn't supposed to be there.

The Army monitored the Sandwich gate. The Air Force watched the Bourne entrance. And the Coast Guard covered the Falmouth gate.

Wibel was preparing for a meeting with military commanders when he first heard about the first World Trade Center crash. That meeting was abruptly canceled.

"As I drove away, and was listening to the news on the radio, the 102nd was scrambling into duty," said Wibel, who could hear four more jets launching as he spoke later in the day.

ATTACK ON AMERICA

"THE resolve of our great nation is being tested. But make no mistake, we will show the world that we will pass this test." – *Pres. Bush*

SECOND WORLD TRADE TOWER COLLAPSES | FIREFIGHTERS AID VICTIM IN NEW YORK | "ALL OUR FRIENDS ARE IN THE TRADE CENTER"

CAPE TRANSPORTATION

KEVIN MINGORA/Cape Cod Times

Barnstable police Officer Ralph Cahoon sets up a roadblock at Barnstable Municipal Airport. The airport was closed as part of the nationwide response to yesterday's terrorist attacks.

Barnstable airport joins U.S. shutdown

By JACK PERRY
STAFF WRITER

HYANNIS – Builder Chuck Lacey stared at the television set displaying the surreal images of yesterday's attack on the World Trade Center in New York City.

Like the handful of others gathered near the set at Barnstable Municipal Airport, Lacey seemed numb.

"I can't believe these giant buildings collapsed," Lacey said. "I wish I could get over there to help."

Lacey, an Osterville resident, runs a business that frames houses on Nantucket. He had planned to fly to the island yesterday morning, but all flights had been canceled by the time he arrived.

Lacey would lose at least a day of work. He wasn't the only one. Activity at the airport ground to a halt after the Federal Aviation Administration shut down U.S. air space. Only a few people walked through the lobby late yesterday morning. Some travelers scrambled to make car reservations, planning to drive as far as North Dakota or California.

Barnstable police officers planted orange cones around the terminal to keep cars and trucks away from the building. The airport runways were eerily inactive. No planes taking off. No planes landing.

> On a busy day, the airport carries 2,000 to 3,000 passengers between Hyannis and Nantucket alone.

Early yesterday morning, Ron Semprini's Cafe at the airport was full of travelers grabbing a cup of coffee or a muffin before their flights. Many of them were waiting for a flight to LaGuardia Airport in New York. The place was humming as it always does early in the morning.

Then it all stopped.

"When the news report came in, everything came to a standstill," Semprini said. "We were in complete horror."

The airport's closing stranded dozens of workers and travelers. On a busy day, the airport carries 2,000 to 3,000 passengers between Hyannis and Nantucket alone, said Quincy Mosby, airport manager.

The FAA ordered airports closed at about 10:30 a.m.

"The magnitude of the hijacking situation is unknown," Mosby said. "The FAA put everything on the ground."

In such cases, pilots find the nearest available airport and land their plane, he said.

"Everybody here, of course, is saddened," Mosby said. "People are in a state of horror. I saw a couple of people crying."

The attack stopped business for Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines. The airline makes 500 to 600 flights per day, carrying 2,000 to 3,000 passengers on routes that include Cape Cod, Rhode Island, Florida, the Caribbean and the Carolinas.

Up and down the East Coast, about 300 of the airline's 500 employees went home early. Reservation clerks stayed to handle calls from worried customers.

Dan Wolf, airline president, looked somber as he tried to make sense of the day's events.

"This is a national crisis. It's not an air tragedy. It's more akin to something like Pearl Harbor," he said.

Still, there were business problems to address. The airline has pilots and aircraft essentially stranded in airports all over. Wolf and other managers were trying to figure out how to get them home. The impact of closing the air space for at least one day will be felt for many more.

"It's an interdependent system. Everything depends on everything else," Wolf said. "Ramping that up again is going to take days."

Kerry and Mary Fernholz planned to fly home to North Dakota yesterday after attending a friend's wedding on Nantucket. They worried about friends who had left earlier.

The Fernholzes decided to rent a car and drive home, a distance of about 1,700 miles.

"I told my husband we're driving to North Dakota. I'm not getting on a plane," said Mary Fernholz, hauling a huge blue suitcase.

Both called their bosses to say they wouldn't return until tomorrow or later. They said their bosses understood.

Teri Battles, owner of National Car Rental, rented cars to travelers trying to reach California, Maryland, Virginia and Arizona.

"There's a lot of chaos," Battles said. "People are concerned. They want to get back to their families. We're doing our best to accommodate them, but we don't have the vehicles necessary to get them all back."

She started the day with about 50 cars available for rent, but had only 15 to 20 left as of the middle of yesterday afternoon.

Battles, who operates the franchise, owns some of the cars herself. Others are owned by National Car Rental. She typically keeps her own cars as local rentals, but has sent some of them out of the area to help the stranded travelers.

Buses from Cape Cod to New York City were also stopped yesterday. Bonanza Bus Lines typically makes six trips per day to the city.

Watching the airport television, Lacey, the builder, recalled taking his own children to Washington, D.C., and to the World Trade Center.

"They're going to be horrified," he said. "How do you explain this to them? I don't understand how it can happen."

STATE REACTION

Key government offices cleared

By JON CHESTO
TIMES BOSTON BUREAU

Thousands of workers evacuated government offices, courts and skyscrapers in Boston yesterday morning after terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon.

Commuters jammed the roads out of Boston throughout the morning, many of them following the news about the attacks on their car radios as they headed home.

Acting Gov. Jane Swift told reporters gathered at the state's emergency bunker in Framingham that she wants state offices to reopen today. She also urged voters in the 9th Congressional District to head to the polls during yesterday's primaries.

State office buildings around the state were closed yesterday and nonessential workers were sent home as a precautionary measure because "state and public buildings can be viewed as a target," Swift said.

Swift said there will be a heightened security presence at state office buildings and the 55,000 people employed by the state shouldn't be deterred from returning to work today.

"We cannot allow terrorists to victimize us twice by paralyzing us with fear," Swift said.

Swift said 100 state troopers were assigned to help the FBI with investigations in Massachusetts, and at Logan Airport in particular. She said Bay State physicians and hospitals were prepared yesterday to offer help, if needed, to victims of the terrorist attacks. Lines at blood donation sites in Massachusetts "are out the door and around the corner," Swift said.

Two of Boston's tallest buildings, the Prudential and the John Hancock towers, were among the many high-rise buildings evacuated in Boston yesterday. Government offices throughout the city were also closed.

The Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth intensified security shortly after the attacks began. Pilgrim spokeswoman Carol Wrightman said nuclear power plants across the country were directed to tighten security by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Cape Cod legislative delegation had been slated to meet with Swift yesterday to discuss the future management of the Massachusetts Military Reservation. That was among many of the meetings that were canceled suddenly because of the terrorist attacks.

State Rep. Thomas George of Yarmouth and his aide, Cynthia Stead, stayed in the Statehouse after most of their colleagues had left yesterday morning to make some phone calls and catch up on some work.

A commercial airliner flown by an unknown hijacker lines up with one of the World Trade Center towers in New York City. The devastating explosion follows.

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Two women walk through soot and debris as they make their way down a street near Wall Street shortly after the collapse of one of the World Trade Center towers yesterday. Both of the towers collapsed about an hour after being struck by hijacked planes.

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

HIJACKED: American Airlines Flight 11, Boston to L.A., with **92 people**; and Flight 77, Washington to L.A., with **64 people**. United Airlines Flight 93, Newark, N.J. to San Francisco, with **45 people**, and Flight 175, Boston to L.A., with **65 people**.

PALESTINIAN CHILDREN IN JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY

VENEZUELA DENOUNCES "CRAZY TERRORIST"

DUST-COVERED NEW YORK CITY

COMMUTERS

Airport-bound travelers feel isolated as nation besieged by terror

By JOHN LEANING
STAFF WRITER

The first news of the terrorist attack reached the passengers an hour after the 8:30 a.m. Plymouth and Brockton bus left Hyannis yesterday morning.

A passenger with a cellphone got a call from his wife, who alerted him to the horrific plane crashes into the World Trade Center in New York.

He immediately walked up the aisle, bent low, spoke softly to the driver, and then returned to his seat.

The driver then cleared his throat and spoke in a loud voice, telling the 12 of us on board the first news of the unthinkable attacks.

Passengers listened in stunned silence, as the bus sped toward its final destination — Logan International Airport in Boston.

Except for three cellphones, we were disconnected from the events raging around us. All we had were second-hand reports, unsubstantiated rumors of the suicide attack.

At the Rockland terminal, a new driver, KathAnn Lang, of Mansfield, took over. She looked nervous as she pulled out of the commuter parking lot, heading back to Boston.

In Weymouth, only a half hour or so from Logan, she tried to reach company officials by cellphone to find out what was going on.

"This is my maiden voyage into Boston," she admitted with a nervous laugh.

"I was already thinking, 'Oh my God,' and now this," she said.

In the meantime, while passengers waited to see what a shut-down Logan would look like, they sat quietly, just staring out the windows, both fascinated and fearful.

"I'm going to Sioux City, Iowa, to visit my brother and go to my 40th high school reunion," said Geraldine Petroff, of Yarmouthport.

"What am I going to do now? That's a good question and I don't have a good answer. It depends on what the good Lord dictates."

"What does it mean? Why are they doing this? What did they get out of it?" she asked no one in particular.

At 10:15 a.m., only 15 minutes before our arrival time at Logan, Lang finally got instructions. Drive the bus to Logan, even though everyone knew not only Logan and New York, but all airports all across the nation were closed.

"I still have to go through the motions. At least the traffic isn't bad," she said.

And it wasn't.

Approaching the Ted Williams Tunnel, the bus was one of the only vehicles on the road.

We were soon overtaken by speeding unmarked police cars, lights flashing, sirens screaming into deafening echoes in the tunnel.

Passenger Mollie Clarke, of South Plymouth had to get to work, even if the airport was closed and there was no way home.

Clarke is a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines. She was scheduled to fly to Florida later in the day.

Quiet, head bowed into a book during the entire trip up, she said she was feeling the same emotions everyone else was.

And more.

"I can relate to the people in the airplane and the crew," she said quietly, noting that flight crews are prepared to expect such situations.

"We trained for this sort of thing and to deal with it, a terrorist, a skyjacking. We're not in La La Land about this," she said firmly.

"You can't believe what we have to go through in training, and I want to go through my whole career without using it, that and CPR rescue breathing," she added.

The airport was empty, but not deserted. Terminals were closed, unmarked cruisers crowded curb space, and wary, armed police and security officers were everywhere.

As strange as was the absence of traffic, more unsettling was the silence, no screaming jet engines or construction racket.

At various terminals, pockets of puzzled passengers, many loaded with baggage, stood on sidewalks looking, waiting, wondering.

In the bus, passenger Morgan Macrosie said she had expected to fly back to Sebastian, Fla. But not this day. She was not surprised by the terrorist attack.

"I figured it would happen sooner or later. I just didn't plan having it happen when I was flying out."

She had just finished a novel, "The Third Option," about a counter-terror hit.

"But the good guys won in that one," she said quietly.

John Leaning was on his way to Florida via Logan International Airport when the World Trade Center was attacked.

CAPE STUDENTS

Schools watch as history is made

By K.C. MYERS
STAFF WRITER

Elementary schools on the Cape shielded children from yesterday's violence, while some high schools chose to let students watch television as a way to deal with the unfolding horrific events.

Some of the images on television were too much, especially for young students, said Dennis-Yarmouth Schools Supt. Tony Pierantozzi.

"I saw human beings flying out the windows of the twin towers," Pierantozzi said.

At Barnstable High School, administrators took a completely different approach. There, most classrooms come equipped with televisions, and many students watched history being made live on TV.

"Most of us saw the second tower collapse," said John Cabral, a junior in Irene Alymer's honors U.S. history class. "We probably saw hundreds of people die right there on TV."

Most schools canceled after-school activities, off-Cape sporting events and field trips.

"It's not out of fear for their safety. It's just to make the parents feel more secure," said Barnstable High School principal Pat Graves.

Cape Cod Community College sent its 225 full-time staff and an estimated 2,000 students home at 10:50 a.m. when acting Gov. Jane Swift's office announced that all nonessential state employees were being sent home.

The Cape college will be open today, and staff psychologists will offer counseling to anyone at the college who may have had family or friends harmed by the attacks, said college spokesman Michael Gross.

The college closed so staff and students could be with their families during this time of national tragedy, Gross said.

All Cape public secondary, middle and elementary schools stayed open, but it was hardly business as usual.

Like the rest of the country, school employees and students waited to hear if there was a connection between their own families and the estimated thousands killed.

One Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School teacher, Julie Sweeney, was called from her morning classes when she heard her husband, Brian, was aboard the United Airlines flight that crashed into the World Trade Center.

Pierantozzi called an emergency meeting of the student services department to begin to deal with any effects the terrorism will have on them.

"There may be hundreds of connections," he said. "It has been an unbelievably awful day."

School counselors, psychologists, social workers and resource officers from both Dennis and Yarmouth police departments will join school administrators, "to talk about how we will arrange services for those people who need them," Pierantozzi said.

Meanwhile, at Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, principal Sharon Hartley quietly walked around to all the classrooms making sure the television sets were turned off.

Pierantozzi had asked teachers, especially for the younger grades, to make sure the televisions were turned off during the day.

Barnstable High School principal Pat Graves made an announcement over the schoolwide intercom when the attacks first happened.

"I want to acknowledge the ongoing tragedy in New York and Washington," she told the school of about 2,000 students. "I know it's disconcerting for all of us."

She then called for a moment of silence.

Photos by VINCENT DeWITT/Cape Cod Times

Barnstable High School juniors, above from left, Chanel Nadine, David Niemi and Caroline Roszell, all 16, keep their eyes glued to the classroom television in Irene Alymer's history class yesterday, as events in the terror attacks unfold. Linda VanGassbeck, left, secretary to the principal at Station Avenue Elementary School, reacts to TV coverage of the attack.

Graves allowed teachers to turn on televisions, and divert as much of their normal class time as they felt was necessary to cope with the catastrophe. She estimated about half of the classes had their televisions turned on after the morning announcement.

Alymer, the history teacher, said she scrapped her normal schedule in order to give students time to keep current on the news.

Jessica Gray, 17, a Cape Cod Community College student, was dropped off for a noon class, and then was shocked to see teachers crying as they all headed home.

"No one really explained it to me," Gray said. "What does this have to do with here?"

Other students worried about their own safety as U.S. citizens.

"This is an issue of safety for me," said Barnstable junior Caroline Roszell. "We don't know if this will happen in Boston or other big cities."

"I feel just like my parents did when President Kennedy was shot," said Shelby Allen, also a junior. "Now I'll be telling my children about this."

"Kids shouldn't have to deal with this," said Alymer, their teacher. "It's an innocence that has been stolen from this generation."

Staff writer Paula Peters contributed to this report.

TURNING TO FAITH

Congregations pray for victims, support

By SEAN GONSALVES
STAFF WRITER

The pastor's cousin worked on the 20th floor of one of the World Trade Center towers that crumbled into rubble before a stunned nation yesterday morning.

So when he learned his cousin had not gone to work yesterday, the Rev. Robert Swanson of the Marstons Mills Community Church praised God, then prayed for families not as fortunate.

"Our prayers have been for those scrambling for their lives and for those who are part of the rescue effort," Swanson said.

He was not alone in his prayers.

At Christ the King in Mashpee, Monsignor Ronald Tusti had come back from an off-Cape trip to arrange a special 5 p.m. Mass.

"We are going to pray. I don't know what else to do. But our faith will sustain us," he said.

Those attending services or just stopping in at churches yesterday shared similar feelings.

"I wanted to come and say a prayer for those who lost their lives and that we don't have another thing like this," said Mary Samuels of Hyannis, sitting in a pew at St. Francis Xavier on South Street, Hyannis. "It's a sad time for everyone."

Later, at the church's 7 p.m. Mass, Don Pitcher of Cummaquid remarked that some of his family recently had gone to visit a sister-in-law in California.

"If they had done it today, they could have been on one of those planes."

RON SCHLOERB/Cape Cod Times

Maureen Marchetti of West Yarmouth weeps during a Mass celebrated last night at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis.

And so Pitcher prayed.

"What else are we going to do? Just like during World War II it's natural to turn to prayer and God at these times."

"We're all feeling pretty helpless right now," said the Rev. Reed Baer of the West Parish Congregational Church in West Barnstable.

"I don't have the answers, but I think if we come together as a community, it will help us and maybe even the rest of the world too," said Baer, who had scheduled a 7 p.m. vigil service for last night.

"People have been calling, feeling as though they need a place to go, feeling the loss and feeling the need for comfort," said Rabbi Gary Mazo of the Cape Cod Synagogue in Hyannis, where a special service will be held at 7:30 tonight.

Cape rabbis urge caution when assigning blame

By DEBBIE FORMAN
STAFF WRITER

Rabbi Gary Mazo doesn't want to jump to conclusions about who was responsible for the terrorist attacks, but said he can't help but think about the possibility, as so many others are conjecturing, that it was an Islamic extremist or Palestinian-related operation.

Mazo, the rabbi at Cape Cod Synagogue in Hyannis, wonders how Americans who have condemned Israel for its quick military retaliation to terrorism feel now. "We may begin to understand why the Israelis respond the way they do and that there can be no negotiations with terrorists."

If it turns out that the United States was attacked because of its support of Israel, Mazo said, he is worried about public reaction. "I think some people might blame Israel. Human beings are quick to find a scapegoat."

Or people might blame Arabs, or Islamic or Palestinian groups, he said. "If it's in people's hearts to hate, they'll find someone to hate."

"The human response is revenge, to want to attack back."

If the United States retaliates against terrorists and the countries that harbor them, Mazo fears Israel will suffer further assault.

Rabbi Yekusiel Alperowitz, of the Chabad of Cape Cod in Hyannis, is also cautious about assigning blame until there is clear-cut evidence of the terrorists' identity.

But whether yesterday's acts are related to what is happening in Israel or not, he said, "the world has to take a stand against terrorism and terrorists."

This may be the battle cry, he said, for "the world to unite to fight these kinds of acts."

"You can't just stand by and see innocent people being killed."

In an e-mail to his congregation, Mazo noted that "in times of tragedy, we need each other" and announced a special open service to be held at 7:30 tonight at Cape Cod Synagogue, 145 Winter St., Hyannis.

Q & A FOR PARENTS

What do we tell children about terrorism?

By CYNTHIA McCORMICK
STAFF WRITER

How can parents talk to their children about yesterday's destruction of the World Trade Center and the attack on the Pentagon?

With honesty, but not hysteria, said a Cape psychologist.

Carole Charpentier, director of Bayview Associates, a mental health agency with offices on the Cape, talked about how to handle children's concerns.

Question: How do you explain such a horrific series of events?

Answer: You're honest with children, factual. I would not give them too much information.

Let children know these attacks are a distance from us. It's not next door. The message should be, "Terrible things happen, but you're safe with us here."

Q: What if they want to know if somebody is going to drop a bomb on us?

A: Just emphasize they are safe where they are, with mom and dad. That's what little children want to know. Don't give too many details about bombs. Don't go into, "If this party does this, we might retaliate."

Q: Should they watch TV broadcasts about the disaster?

A: Don't let them watch the news constantly, listen to the radio constantly or participate in conversations with adults. Do not let them be part of adults' conversations about what could happen.

Q: How might children show anxiety?

A: You can expect some not wanting to go to school. The world all of a sudden becomes a scary, unsafe place. All you can do is reassure them, "I'll see you after school." There might be nightmares. Expect they might want to sleep in the same room.

Q: So many Cape school children have visited New York City and Washington. They've studied about the nation's capitol and seen pictures of the World Trade Center. Does that make this disaster more real to them than the Oklahoma City bombing or the rampage at Columbine?

A: "It's going to be a lot worse than Oklahoma City. That's the harsh reality of it. Tell children the reason these places were bombed is because they are centers of power. That's a horrible thing for adults to listen to, but children might feel better. They feel, 'My school is not powerful. It's not the military. It's not the White House.' It might make them feel safer."

Q: How detailed should you get with older children, say middle school-aged children.

A: "The older the child, the more information they are going to have from friends and the media. Don't lie to them. Tell them they are going to hear lots of rumors and to come to parents or guardians for answers. They're going to be anxious. They're going to be sad that all those people died.

"Kids in high school are probably going to be more upset because they are so idealistic. 'We're America and we can never be touched.' If we don't have the answers for the oldest ones, say, 'I don't know.'"

ATTACK ON AMERICA

"MAKE no mistake about it, your armed forces are ready."
– Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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Full text of Bush remarks to nation

Text of President Bush's televised national address from the Oval Office last night after terrorist attacks along the East Coast earlier in the day, as transcribed by eMediaMillWorks, Inc.

Good evening.

Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts. The victims were in airplanes or in their offices: secretaries, businessmen and women, military and federal workers, moms and dads, friends and neighbors.

Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.

The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge structures collapsing have filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness and a quiet, unyielding anger.

These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed. Our country is strong. A great people has been moved to defend a great nation.

Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world.

And no one will keep that light from shining.

Today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature, and we responded with the best of America, with the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbors who came to give blood and help in any way they could.

Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government's emergency response plans. Our military is powerful, and it's prepared. Our emergency teams are working in New York City and Washington, D.C., to help with local rescue efforts.

Our first priority is to get help to those who have been injured and to take every precaution to protect our citizens at home and around the world from further attacks.

The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington which had to be evacuated today are reopening for essential personnel tonight and will be open for business tomorrow.

Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open for business as well.

The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts.

I've directed the full resources for our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and bring them to justice. We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.

I appreciate so very much the members of Congress who have joined me in strongly condemning these attacks. And on behalf of the American people, I thank the many world leaders who have called to offer their condolences and assistance.

America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world and we stand together to win the war against terrorism.

Tonight I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me."

This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time.

None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.

Thank you. Good night and God bless America.

WHITE HOUSE ADDRESS

'Today, our nation saw evil'

"Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America."

PRESIDENT BUSH

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – A grim-faced President Bush mourned the deaths of thousands of Americans in yesterday's atrocities and vowed to avenge their killings. "Today, our nation saw evil," he said.

In his first prime-time Oval Office address, Bush said the United States would retaliate against "those behind these evil acts," and any country that harbors them.

Bush spoke from the Oval Office just hours after bouncing between Florida and air bases in Louisiana and Nebraska for security reasons. Fighter jets and decoy helicopters accompanied his evening flight to Washington and the White House.

With smoke still pouring out of rubble in Washington and New York, he said, "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

Bush spoke for less than five minutes from the desk that Bill Clinton and John F. Kennedy used before him. Beside the door, a TelePrompTer operator fed Bush the words that he and his speechwriters hastened to pen just an hour earlier.

He stumbled a couple of times even as he strove to maintain a commanding air. Aides pushed an American flag and one with the presidential seal behind him for the somber occasion.

Bush said the government offices deserted after the bombings yesterday would open today.

U.S. officials privately said they suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden, protected by Afghan government, was behind the tragedies. The Afghan government has rejected the accusations.

"We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them," Bush said.

"Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom, came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts.

"Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror," Bush said.

Amid the rubble

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Like ghosts emerging from a mist-enshrouded graveyard, survivors swathed in ash make their way amid the debris near the World Trade Center after yesterday's back-to-back terrorist strikes.

TERRORIST MASTERMIND

Bin Laden suspected architect of attacks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan – Highly coordinated and unprecedented in scale, yesterday attacks in the United States called to mind the man suspected of orchestrating some of the world's worst terrorist acts: Osama bin Laden, U.S. officials said.

No one has claimed responsibility for yesterday's attacks, and the Afghan government that plays host to bin Laden rejected speculation he was involved. One expert cautioned against assuming bin Laden could pull off such a complex operation.

But Bush administration officials and other experts said the millionaire Saudi exile was their top suspect.

"This apparently was well-planned over a number of years, planned by real pros and experts," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said in Washington after speaking with FBI and intelligence officials.

One administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said authorities had received a fax during the morning from unknown individuals representing themselves as being part of bin Laden's group.

A London-based Arab journalist said yesterday bin Laden's followers warned his newspaper by telephone three weeks ago of a major attack.

"They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack but they did not specify," said Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper.

The callers had made similar threats previously "but this time it seems his people were accurate and meant every word they said," he said in London.

But the Taliban, Afghanistan's ruling Islamic militia, said bin Laden lacks the resources for such an operation.

Osama bin Laden

The U.S. government has strong evidence from multiple sources that the suicidal terrorists who carried out yesterday's catastrophic attacks in New York and Washington are connected to Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden, government sources said.

- **Bin Laden, 44, an extremist Islamic militant** from a wealthy Saudi Arabian family, has been living under protection of the fundamentalist Taliban regime in Afghanistan in a remote mountain redoubt since 1996.
- **He has previously been linked to terrorists** who attempted to destroy the World Trade Center in 1993.
- **He has been indicted for the deadly 1998 bombings** of the U.S. embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya.
- **He was linked to last October's attack on the USS Cole** in Aden, Yemen, which killed 17 American servicemen.

"We have tried our best in the past – and we are willing in the future – to assure the United States in any kind of way we can that Osama is not involved in these kinds of activities," said Taliban Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil.

The United States has called bin Laden the architect of some of the worst acts of terrorism against Americans: the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa and last year's bombing of the USS Cole.

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Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden is wanted by the United States for the 1998 bombing of two U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, and is now a suspect in yesterday's attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Bin Laden is hiding out in Afghanistan as a guest of its Islamic rulers.

LOST EMPLOYEES

Experts can't be easily replaced

By MARY KANE
NEWHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The terrorism that struck America's financial nerve center yesterday will have immediate impact on the economy, shaking an already jittery stock market and tallying losses in the billions of dollars from the destruction of property and real estate, experts predict.

But more incalculable and deeply felt will be the irreplaceable loss of expertise housed in the World Trade Center buildings in lower Manhattan, where hundreds of companies employed thousands of experts and analysts on global trade, securities, shipping, commerce and other areas.

"We've lost many, many talented, hard-to-replace people."

BRADFORD CORNELL
UCal finance professor

Those companies, which eagerly expanded overseas with contingency plans for unrest abroad, will deal for decades to come with the new reality of major upheaval in their own back yard.

"Those companies used to talk about the political risk of being in those countries, but now we have that right here at home," said Richard Linowes, a professor of international strategy and entrepreneurship at American University.

Linowes previously worked as consulting services manager for the Goldman, Sachs Group Inc. – just a few blocks from the trade center.

Many companies with business overseas prepared contingency plans and even took out "political risk insurance," Linowes said, in the event they ran into trouble in an unstable country. At home, the firms often moved their computer support systems off site, for security reasons and in case of power outages or other problems.

But terrorism at their domestic headquarters, despite the 1993 trade center bombing, seemed unlikely to many firms, especially on a scale as large as yesterday's, Linowes said.

In fact, he said, many people who worked in the twin towers complained about the hassles of getting to work in the financial district and the inconvenience of the center's elevators. Safety and security weren't much on their minds.

ATTACK ON AMERICA

SHUT DOWN: All bridges and tunnels into Manhattan, several subway lines, trading on Wall Street, all Broadway shows in New York, Major League baseball, Walt Disney World in Florida, Disneyland and Universal Studios in California.

ON ALERT AT FEDERAL BUILDING IN LOS ANGELES

CHECKPOINT AT PEACE BRIDGE IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN AIRLINES CLOSED AT LOGAN

Attack: Nation shaken by terrorism

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In addition, a firefighters union official said he feared an estimated 200 firefighters had died in rescue efforts at the trade center – where 50,000 people worked – and dozens of police officers were believed missing.

"The number of casualties will be more than most of us can bear," a visibly distraught Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

More than 1,000 people were hospitalized. Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik said rescuers had already determined there were some people alive in two buildings downtown — a group that included some police officers.

No one took responsibility for the attacks that rocked the seats of finance and government. But federal authorities identified Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, as the prime suspect.

Aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell phone calls from at least one flight attendant and two passengers aboard the jet liners before they crashed, U.S. officials began assembling a case linking bin Laden to the devastation.

U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The people aboard planes who managed to make cell phone calls each described similar circumstances: They indicated the hijackers were armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants. The hijackers then took control of the planes.

At the World Trade Center, the dead and the doomed plummeted from the skyscrapers, among them a man and woman holding hands.

Shortly after 7 p.m., crews began heading into ground zero of the attack to search for survivors and recover bodies. All that remained of the twin towers by then was a pile of rubble and twisted steel that stood barely two stories high, leaving a huge gap in the New York City skyline.

"Freedom itself was attacked this morning and I assure you freedom will be defended," said Bush, who was in Florida at the time of the catastrophe. As a security measure, he was shuttled to a Strategic Air Command bunker in Nebraska before leaving for Washington.

"Make no mistake," he said. "The United States will hunt down and pursue those responsible for these cowardly actions."

More than nine hours after the U.S. attacks began, explosions could be heard north of the Afghan capital of Kabul, but American officials said the United States was not responsible.

"It isn't us. I don't know who's doing it," Pentagon spokesman Craig Quigley said.

Officials across the world condemned the attacks but in the West Bank city of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians celebrated, chanting "God is Great" and handing out candy. The United States has become increasingly unpopular in the Mideast in the past year of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, with Washington widely seen as siding with Israel against the Arab world.

At the Pentagon, the symbol and command center for the nation's military force, one side of the building collapsed as smoke billowed over the Potomac River. Rep. Ike Skelton, briefed by Pentagon officials, said, "There appear to be about 100 casualties" in the building.

The first airstrike occurred shortly before 8:45 a.m. EDT. By evening, huge clouds of smoke still billowed from the ruins. A burning, 47-story part of the World Trade Center complex – already evacuated – collapsed in flames just before nightfall.

Emergency Medical Service worker Louis Garcia said initial reports indicated that bodies were buried beneath the two feet of soot on streets around the trade center.

"A lot of the vehicles are running over bodies because they are all over the place," he said.

Said National Guard member Angelo Otchy of Maplewood, N.J., "I must have come across body parts by the thousands. I came across a lady, she didn't remember her name. Her face was covered in blood."

For the first time, the nation's aviation system was completely shut down as officials considered the frightening flaws that had been exposed in security procedures. Financial markets were closed, too.

Top leaders of Congress were led to an undisclosed location, as were key officials of the Bush administration. Guards armed with automatic weapons patrolled the White House grounds and military aircraft secured the skies above the capital city. National Guard troops appeared on some street corners in the nation's capital.

Evacuations were ordered at the tallest skyscrapers in several cities, and high-profile tourist attractions closed – Walt Disney World, Mount Rushmore, Seattle's Space Needle, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. The Federal Reserve, seeking to provide assurances that the nation's banking system would be protected, said it would provide additional money to banks if needed.

In Afghanistan, where bin Laden has been given asylum, the nation's hard-line Taliban rulers rejected suggestions he was responsible.

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Firefighters survey the scene at the World Trade Center after one of the twin towers collapsed sending debris raining onto a fire engine and ambulance. All of the city's 40,000 police officers and 11,000 firefighters were put on what amounted to round-the-clock duty after the attacks.

Cape: Attacks spur mix of prayer, anger

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"To hate the people who caused so much destruction and loss of life is a danger that naturally comes at a time like this," said Father William A. Rodrigues.

"And the danger is turning the sadness and anger and fear into hatred for the people responsible and even those who remind us of those who we perceive or assume today to be responsible," he said. "The hearts full of hate that caused this terror ought not to breed more hate in our hearts."

The parishioners prayed for the firefighters, government leaders, men and women in the military, and all those contaminated by the evil of hate. They prayed that everyone who died yesterday morning would find happiness in heaven. They sang the hymn "Let There Be Peace On Earth" and they sang "Amazing Grace." People began to sob when the Mass ended with "America the Beautiful."

"You won't forget this day in your ministry, will you?" said Hyannis resident Maureen Marchetti, as she clasped Rodrigues' hand after the service. "It was so moving to see people together."

She and her husband, Michael, spent yesterday morning in apprehension as they waited to discover if a cousin who works two blocks from the World Trade Center was hurt. The relative escaped harm, and the West Yarmouth couple came to church to thank God and pray for peace.

"We need some peace and some healing. What better way to do it than in a church? What will retaliation do but bring more violence?" asked Maureen Marchetti.

The couple agreed with Rodrigues that the thirst for revenge must be overcome. "Just more destruction," they both said.

About 150 people also attended an interfaith prayer vigil held at the First Congregational Church of Falmouth on the Village Green last night. Ministers from the John Wesley United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship joined the Rev. Doug Schowalter in what he called a healing service.

"It is important to get in touch with our faith," Schowalter said. "We need to find strength in our faith and draw strength from one another."

Demands for revenge

But a determined call for revenge, in the form of immediate military action, came from construction workers, born-again Christians and even a skateboarder hanging out at the Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis.

At Best Buy, about a dozen workers in hard hats were calling for war. These men, along with a mechanic, a book store owner and a mother with her child, had just watched scenes of crowds dancing in Palestine.

"There are people celebrating in the streets of Palestine. They are a hero there if they do a suicide mission," said Gary Martin, superintendent of the nearby electric project, where he said about 45 men are working.

"How safe are you? Everyone I talked to on the site, and everyone is talking about it, thinks there needs to be a response ..." said Martin, pausing to point out another replay of the second plane crashing into a tower.

The men swore. People spoke to each other without taking their eyes, even once, from the television screen they had been watching for an entire lunch hour. The country no longer feels safe, said Dick Fenuccio, 61, another Bayside Electric worker who was standing in a quieter section of the store, arms also crossed.

Only half in jest, Fenuccio said his wife now wants all the children to move home. He pulled on his hard hat and shuffled uncomfortably as he watched ongoing coverage on a small television.

"You don't believe it happened. It is like 'come on.' It is just mind-boggling to think of this stuff happening in this country," said Fenuccio.

"How much can we take? Something has to be done."

Skateboarder Ben Silvercloud, 32, held his board against his knee, his CD walkman against his chest, and his gaze on MSNBC coverage on three big-screen televisions at Sears yesterday afternoon. His friends are already talking about volunteering their services for war.

"They are like, 'Yeah, man. Are you going to sign up?'" said Silvercloud. He was waiting for President Bush to appear on television.

"We all know what he should say. You can't let this go. Some action needs to be taken."

Justice

No explanation for the mass murder was necessary for born-again Christians Ron and Stacy Engel, who were visiting from their North Carolina home in the country's Bible belt. The couple said God allowed grave destruction to occur because this country had fallen away from purity.

"The Bible talks about the end days. And we are in them. Obviously, God is going to use this. He allowed it to happen. God's got a plan," said Stacy Engel, as she rocked a stroller holding the couple's 6-month-old son, Micaiah.

"When a nation decided to turn from God this is what happens," said her husband.

"This was a nation founded on godly principles, and we've strayed far from it," said Engel. "It is a wake-up call to America."

At these words, another born-again Christian joined the couple with a smile.

"Turn back to God, America," said Hyannis resident Cindy Ewing, 42.

The trio also agreed that the people responsible for the terrorist attacks deserve to die — as called for by their interpretation of biblical scripture.

"God says you can forgive. But when a person is killed, that's what wakes them up. Then they can be forgiven," said Ron Engel.

"Christians aren't wimps. Our forefathers have proven that," said his wife.

Confusion

All these war cries coming from the mouths of otherwise mild-mannered people seemed a rather knee-jerk response to one Hyannis couple. Laura Holden stopped by the post office this morning and met a nice old gentleman. She and her husband, Mark, were heading to the mall because they wanted to be around other people watching history unfold on television.

But the gentlemen already knew what would unfold, he said.

"This is war," he told Laura Holden, stressing each syllable. "This is war."

Mark Holden said the frenzy for revenge eerily reminds him of a Hollywood film, "The Siege," in which terrorists set off bombs all over New York City. In response, the United States imposes martial law and sets up concentration camps for Arabs.

"Look at how the United States put all Japanese people in prison camps after Pearl Harbor. It was hysteria," he said. "They did that in the film to all Middle-Eastern looking people, but that cannot happen now. This country is a melting pot for the whole world," he said.

He said people in the Middle East have a completely different outlook not easily understood in the West. Holden said he carries a sort of inert awareness of these beliefs, since he was an infant when he left his homeland of Armenia, which is just outside of Afghanistan.

He called the people guilty of yesterday's attacks cowards, and said it may be difficult for people in a Western culture to understand the twisted self-aggrandizement that leads to mass murder. It is a horrifying interpretation of complex religious belief, he said.

But his wife jumped in with a simpler explanation. "People over in the Middle East are almost animalistic. They are like barbarians."

Holden waited until she expressed her anger, and then he provided a more measured response. "They have a strong belief in afterlife. The divine wind, the kamikaze, is only sacrificing a blink of the eye in this reality for everlasting paradise," he said. "We must find out who is responsible for these attacks. But the fact is, if you take out the leaders, their sidekicks will continue the work."

Escape

A small group of lobstermen and waitresses were drinking beers and watching the news from the bar at Molly's Bar & Grill. They tried to make sense of the implications of such a terrorist disaster.

"I think we are safe enough here on Cape Cod. No tall buildings in sight," said Sandra Burke, 21, who arrived from Limerick, Ireland, this spring to spend a summer waitressing and traveling on the East Coast. She had a close friend who worked at the World Trade Center – but who had just finished her summer co-op.

Erik Tolley, a local lobsterman, told Burke that even this low-key peninsula is not as safe as she may suspect.

"If there was a nuclear war, Cape Cod would be one of the first places to be destroyed. It has something to do with the satellites at Otis Air Force Base," he informed her.

"Get me another drink," shouted Buddy Gounaris, who was schedule to fly out of Logan tomorrow for a Florida vacation. "I came in here for one, but things are getting intense."

The men began discussing revenge.

"The way I view this whole thing," said Tolley, leaning back in his bar stool. "We have to do something. If it was that guy, what's his name, bin Laden, I hope they do something."

"Go get em'," said Gounaris.

Hurting

In her Hyannis restaurant, Valeria Medeiros cried as terrorists ripped a hole in the heart of her new home in America.

Medeiros lived in Queens for 10 years. Her son was born in New York, and the family enjoyed visiting the World Trade Center.

"It feels so sad there's going to be that big empty space where we used to walk around, taking pictures and showing our families," Medeiros said.

The towers boldly dominating the skyline were a perfect symbol of American optimism and opportunity. "I used to say, 'It's New York's postcard,'" Medeiros said. She's been to the top of the trade center but was too afraid of heights to look down.

At her family's Hyannis restaurant, Back Yard Buffet, Medeiros watched via satellite as a Brazilian TV station replayed video of the towers falling. "Everybody here was crying this morning," Medeiros said. "We wanted to close down, but we said what are we going to do?"

Working seemed preferable to going home and fretting idly. She had a friend walk around Main Street to see if other stores were closing, but business was going on as usual.

"The first reaction I had is I'm going to call my mom in Brazil. I was crying. She thought something happened here (on the Cape). It's such a big moment for everybody, right? We feel like part of this. We've been here 16 years. Anything that happens here hurts us deeply. I'm not scared of something happening to us. It's just sad all those people died for God knows why. This is not a war."

"Blimey." That was the reaction of British tourist Richard Swarbrick to news about the terrorist attacks.

A resident of Suffolk outside of London, Swarbrick was here for a 10-day holiday and was more than surprised to find himself in a country under siege.

"No one expects to attack America," he said. "You must be in shock, really, if you've never experienced it." Swarbrick hasn't either, but older family members were in London during the Blitz and remember the painstaking rebuilding.

Worry

Dorothe Bozza, director of the Cape Cod Literacy Council, was on the Mid-Cape Highway when she heard about the catastrophe in New York.

She somehow managed to stay on the road, despite the fact her daughter Amanda Bozza is an intern at a judge's office in the World Trade Center.

Luckily, Bozza found out, Amanda wasn't due at work until 9:45 a.m. and was still at home in Greenwich Village when the doomed plane flew past her apartment.

"She thought it was very odd" to hear the plane overhead, Bozza said. "She's not in the flight path normally."

Around 10 a.m., Amanda finally got hold of a co-worker of Bozza's with the message that she was safe.

"I'm still worried," Bozza said. "She's down there. It's very smoky. Everything is covered in dust and people are wandering around still. You know what it's like when you can't get to your kid? She might be perfectly fine, but I need to see it."

Plus, Amanda, a 1996 graduate of Nauset Regional High School and a second-year student at New York Law, is frantic about the fate of her friends, Bozza said. "They all have their little jobs with judges and investment houses. Nobody can reach anybody."

Staff writers Cynthia McCormick and Paula Peters contributed to this report.

ATTACK ON AMERICA

"THIS is the worst tragedy in American history. This will drive home how vulnerable we are in our daily lives." – *James Fox, professor*

BURNING PENTAGON | AIR FORCE ONE ON THE TARMAC | U.S. CLOSES BORDER FROM CANADA

DISASTER RESPONSE

Cape emergency workers answer calamity's call

By ROBIN LORD and DOUG FRASER
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Local hospitals and search-and-rescue teams were placed on alert yesterday in the wake of the World Trade bombing.

Hospital officials were taking inventory of supplies and medical personnel in case they are needed to help care for the injured. The Red Cross planned a blood drive and local firefighters were called into action.

By noon, Hyannis Fire Dept. Lt. Tom Kenney, firefighters Chris Standish, Brett Grandaw and Rich Randall and Brewster firefighter Joseph Lang were on their way to Beverly as part of an urban search-and-rescue team specializing in structural collapses.

Each team, which is overseen by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, includes firefighters, structural engineers and medical personnel.

Hyannis Deputy Chief Dean Melanson said all indications were that they were headed for New York, possibly on military transport.

Cape & Islands Emergency Medical Services Systems Inc., which trains many of the area's emergency personnel, was checking the availability of ambulance crews for "possible long-term deployment" to New York and Connecticut, according to Leonard Nelson, director of the agency. Nelson said it's also highly probable that the agency's "critical incident stress management team" will also be called to New York City to debrief rescue workers. The team, which is trained to counsel people following a crisis, was last mobilized in 1999 when six firefighters died in a warehouse fire in Worcester.

These teams help counsel police, fire and rescue personnel as well as victims and survivors. Eastham firefighter and team member Lisa Stubbs said the team was waiting for word on deployment from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Brewster Fire Chief Roy Jones, the coordinator of the Cape and Islands emergency mobilization plan, said Barnstable and Dukes counties fire departments yesterday instituted an emergency plan that could send at least a dozen ambulances anywhere in the region at a moment's notice.

"It's unprecedented the number of injuries we're going to have," Larry Heidenberg, acting director of Cape Cod EMS Region 5, which also includes much of Plymouth, and some of Bristol and Norfolk counties.

Cape Cod Hospital was asked by EMS to take an inventory of its bed capacity and its supplies in case they are needed by Boston hospitals, according to Duane Hendrix, administrative director of the emergency department.

"We're in our planning stage of what we need to provide to Boston hospitals," Hendrix said. "There is no expectation that we might get any of the victims."

All Boston hospitals canceled elective surgeries yesterday. And, under direction of the state department of public health officials, all hospitals in the state have been ordered not to divert patients to any other hospital, he said.

"Boston hospitals are all in disaster mode," said Hendrix. "This is going to be on a much larger scale than Oklahoma."

Boston's burn centers may likely be called upon to take some burn victims, as will clinics in cities like Philadelphia and in New York itself, said Deborah Dougherty, spokeswoman for Cape Cod Healthcare Inc, which runs Cape Cod Hospital.

But the grounding of all aircraft by the Federal Aviation Administration yesterday means that no medical flights were allowed in the air, so casualties would have to be transported by ground. Dehydration is a burn victim's greatest risk, which poses a challenge during long-range transport, said Dougherty.

The American Red Cross has notified Cape Cod Hospital it must reserve all of its blood supply for the disaster, said Dougherty. For the time being, the hospital must generate its own supply.

Phone lines were flooded yesterday at the Hyannis chapter house of the American Red Cross. Dee Yeater, executive director of the Hyannis chapter, oversaw a crew of volunteers who trickled in throughout the day.

"We've had hundreds of calls from people wanting to give blood," said Yeater. "EMTs and nurses are calling and asking, 'What can we do?' This is just the beginning of this terrible disaster. We'll get calls over the next 24 to 48 hours."

JULIA CUMES/Cape Cod Times

Beth Drumm of Sandwich gives blood yesterday at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis in response to the terror attacks in New York. Hospital phlebotomist Barbara Bell draws the blood as Drumm's friend and fellow donor, Colleen Chace of Sandwich, holds Drumm's hand. "This is in response to feeling helpless," Chace said.

How to give blood

The Red Cross will begin a blood drive to aid victims in New York at two locations today and tomorrow.

■ **From 1 to 6 p.m. today** at the John Wesley Methodist Church, Falmouth.

■ **And from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow** at the Greenery, 89 Lewis Bay Road, Hyannis.

Before you go: You need an appointment, so call 1-800-448-3543.

Cape Cod Hospital

Since the Red Cross will be sending its blood donations to New York, Cape Cod and Falmouth Hospitals will need blood for their own use.

To donate blood to the hospital, call 508-862-5273 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The hospital will likely set up weekend hours this week, as well, she said.

People with type O blood are in greatest need, because type O, either negative or positive, can be accepted by any other blood type.

How to get information

■ **Local Red Cross volunteers will take telephone calls** from people inquiring about relatives who may have been traveling on one of the airplanes or working in the area of the World Trade Center. The telephone number to call is 508-775-1540.

■ **Sandi Porter, director of emergency services at the Hyannis Red Cross chapter**, said there is usually a 24-hour delay in releasing names of victims of the disaster. As Red Cross and rescue workers in New York try to confirm the dead, injured and missing, Porter said, they are taking names and can offer counseling when the information blackout is lifted.

■ **As of yesterday afternoon, the New York Red Cross** had not set up a command post to deal with those inquiries, but Hyannis chapter executive director Dee Yeater expected it to be in operation by today.

LANDMARK ARCHITECTURE

Towers built to survive impact of 707

By TREVOR MAXWELL
STAFF WRITER

YARMOUTHPORT – Bill Richmond stood in his architecture office on Main Street, trying to process what a co-worker was telling him.

"The World Trade Center towers have been destroyed," he was told.

Instinctively, he reached for the telephone. Two of his children work in Manhattan.

It was only after a few hours, when his calls were returned, and he was assured that his children were safe, that he considered the forces that could bring down such marvels of modern architecture.

At 110 stories each, the twin towers of the World Trade Center were the tallest buildings in New York and among the tallest in the world.

About 50,000 people worked in the complex, which attracted more than 100,000 visitors every day.

"Obviously, someone had been studying the structures," he said. "These are wonderful buildings.

"They had an enormous bomb blow up in the bottom of them last time and it did not even affect the buildings. This would have had to be well-planned."

He was referring to the Feb. 26, 1993, bombing of the basement beneath the World Trade Center – a blast that killed seven people and injured dozens of others.

But this was not a close call. In a matter of minutes, both giant towers had been leveled, reduced to rubble.

Richmond, like so many others, could not begin to articulate such loss: "It's a horrible tragedy. I don't know what else to say."

Eric Darton was also speechless.

He is the author of "Divided We Stand: A Biography of New York City's World Trade Center." The book documents the center's conception and design, as well as its place in the social fabric of New York and the United States.

From his high-rise office in the Chelsea district of Manhattan yesterday, Darton had an unobstructed view of the scene.

"It's too awful," he said. "I would not even begin to put it into words."

He notes in his book that the buildings, completed in 1972 and 1973, were engineered specifically to withstand the full impact of a 707 jet hitting the superstructure.

"That was the nightmare scenario of their day," he said. "They knew it would be near the flight paths. They knew that an airplane might hit the structure at some point."

Even as recently as last week, speaking at a conference in Germany, Les Robertson, the structural engineer who designed the towers, said their steel columns could remain standing under such an impact.

Shocked by the collapses, structural engineers pointed to fire as the likely cause of failure.

"Fire melts steel," said Joseph Burns, a principal at the Chicago firm of Thornton-Thomasetti Engineers. In addition, he said, the impact of the plane could have damaged sprinkler systems, allowing the fire to rage despite fireproofing that is intended to protect steel columns and beams.

Still, Darton is not convinced that explosives did not play a role in the demolition.

A PILOT'S VIEW

Lax cockpit security can create hazard

By JAMES KINSELLA
STAFF WRITER

CUMMAQUID – Tom Cook, a commercial airline pilot, says a hijacker would find it easy to fly an airplane into a skyscraper.

"If you can fly in a computer game, you can fly an aircraft," said Cook, a former Navy pilot who flies for Northwest Airlines.

"I can pretty much guarantee that the hijackers were flying that plane," Cook said yesterday, speculating on what happened inside either of the two airliners that crashed into the World Trade Center yesterday.

"I have a feeling the flight crew was probably killed this morning" or incapacitated in some way before the aircraft was flown toward the Twin Towers.

"Usually, there would have been a struggle."

He said the airline has procedures the flight crew should follow when faced with a hijacking, he said. But the scenario of a hijacker turning an airliner into a suicide weapon has never been discussed during his 16½ years at Northwest or during his military service.

Pilots on a commercial airliners are vulnerable to attack, Cook said, because the door and wall that separates the cockpit from the cabin is not difficult to breach.

Improving the security of the cockpit is a step airlines can take to respond to the threat of terrorism, he said.

If the hijackers gained control of the flight controls while the airliner was in the air, Cook said, it would have been relatively easy to steer the aircraft into a tall building.

Cook was on active duty in the Navy from 1978 to 1985, and then flew in the Naval Reserves until 1995.

During his active service in the 1980s, Cook said, the Navy was more concerned about the Soviet Union and protecting shipping in the Persian Gulf than potential terrorist threats.

Cook questions how much can be done to stop the kind of terrorism that occurred yesterday.

"I don't think you can plan for it. I don't think you can prevent it."

WAR ZONE PERSPECTIVES

'This is beyond bombings in Belfast'

By EMILY C. DOOLEY
STAFF WRITER

Although many Americans are unaccustomed to terrorist attacks, there is a constant vigil in the Middle East.

"You have to be careful, cautious even, but you must go about your life. You can't live in a state of fear," said Norma Weinberg, a Cape Cod resident who maintains a house in the Israeli village of Haifa.

Weinberg and Yoram Ronnie Aboudi, both former residents of war-torn Israel, agreed with acting Gov. Jane Swift, who refused to cancel yesterday's 9th Congressional District elections because she thought that would send the wrong message to U.S. residents.

Weinberg, who lives part-time in Centerville, recalled a day when rockets landed in the field next to her apartment, blowing out windows in the complex.

The family retreated to the basement – all the apartment buildings in Haifa are equipped with bomb shelters.

"You learn to live with it," Aboudi said. "It's just a part of life."

Aboudi remembers grade school bombing drills when he and other students would race to shelters amid screaming sirens.

Street safety also became part of the lesson plan when terrorists became adept at fitting bombs into radios, pans and small parcels, then discarding them beside the road, Aboudi said.

"In school they used to educate us not to pick up anything on the street," he said.

Aboudi sat in his Centerville home yesterday morning, watching the World Trade Center buildings tumble like houses of cards. He called his wife, who was heading to Boston. Aboudi asked her to come home for fear Boston could be a terrorist target.

The scene brought back childhood memories for Aboudi, who was born in Israel in 1960 and lived outside Tel Aviv until moving to the United States in 1984.

"This is why I came here," he said. "My mom said, 'Just go. We don't want your kids suffering through this.'"

For John Twomey of Provincetown, the attacks were reminiscent of his youth spent in Cork, Ireland. Twomey was concerned for four summer employees of his pub who had recently left for New York.

He's heard from two, but he has yet to locate the other two.

"With all our greatness and our glory and our passion to be No. 1, the fragility of the situation is just astounding," Twomey said. "This is different than a car bombing. This is beyond bombings in Belfast. This is beyond . . . this is just beyond anything."

Twomey grew up far from the unpredictable violence associated with Catholic and Protestant skirmishes in Northern Ireland, but everyone in his town knew someone who had been near or involved in a bombing. On trips into Dublin, where bombing were more frequent, Twomey was cautious.

"You were instinctively aware if you went into Dublin of odd cars, cars from Northern Ireland, cars with odd registration," he said. "We were constantly aware of situations. We watched for something odd."

Weinberg said she would occasionally stay away from certain markets after receiving warnings, but she mostly keep up her daily routines. One thing she learned in Israel was that people have an intense sense of honor, where individuals are less important than the reputation of a people.

"We have offended the honor of some of these people," she said.

Steering clear of an unattended package and keeping trash bins from crowded areas were common practices and safeguards to avoid possible terrorist traps. "If you saw an unattended knapsack or package, you immediately told an officer," Weinberg said.

Twomey said so many acts of terrorism are routed in an all-encompassing hatred of other groups and it is necessary American does not fall into that dark hole. "We have to make sure we don't blanket people with blame because it is the blanketing of America that has caused this."

Late in the day, Aboudi received a call from relatives in Israel. They, like him, spent the day glued to their television sets waiting for news.

"The whole country is in shock," he said. "Everybody is in shock."

CAPE DELEGATION

Terror shatters routine of D.C. day

By KEVIN DENNEHY
STAFF WRITER

Sen. Edward Kennedy was greeting First Lady Laura Bush at about 9 a.m. yesterday. Sen. John Kerry was meeting with other congressional leaders. U.S. Rep. William Delahunt was delivering the keynote speech at a gathering of auto dealers.

They were, in short, walking through the normal routine of a Washington, D.C., Tuesday.

Then, the routine was shattered by a series of shocking, unprecedented airplane hijackings, including one that ended in flames in the heart of the American government.

By afternoon, the Cape's congressional delegation was condemning those responsible, joining the chorus of calls for swift justice.

And they were all speaking of the nation's resolve.

"There are times when it seems the loss is too large, and yet I know our nation grows stronger still," Kennedy said in an afternoon statement.

"Today, I have great confidence for America, and so my heart turns to those who have lost their lives and their families."

Yesterday was a day of unprecedented tension and horror in the nation's capital. People were still learning about the shocking crashes at New York City's World Trade Center when another plane plowed into the side of the Pentagon.

And then news reports warned that other American passenger planes had been hijacked, and were possibly headed toward Washington, D.C.

Streets were jammed with commuters trying to leave the city, and political leaders tried to keep the business of America moving amid the surreal terror.

As the day began, Kennedy, who chairs the Health, Education and Labor committee, was getting ready to hear Mrs. Bush's first congressional testimony, according to a Kennedy staff member.

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WILLIAM DELAHUNT

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TED KENNEDY

"The United States will do whatever it takes to bring these killers to justice."

JOHN KERRY

As it became clear the series of crashes were likely the work of terrorists, Kennedy and Mrs. Bush were led quickly to the Massachusetts senator's office, where they were protected by Secret Service until the First Lady could be moved to a safer location.

Together, they announced the hearing was canceled.

After spending much of the next few hours on the telephone, Kennedy attended a 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

After hearing about the morning crashes, Kerry returned to his Capitol Hill office just as the building – located across the river from the Pentagon – was being evacuated.

"In the coming days, weeks and months, as we arrive at the truth as to precisely what happened and who is responsible," Kerry said in a statement, "we must make it perfectly clear that the United States will do whatever it takes to bring these killers to justice – that no one can terrorize the citizens of the United States with impunity."

Kerry, a member of Senate committee on International Operations and Terrorism, called terrorism the "single greatest threat of our age.

"And the United States must be prepared to defeat it with any means necessary."

Delahunt, who learned of the terrorist attacks as he stepped off the podium of a meeting of the National Conference of Auto Dealers, knew quickly that yesterday was developing into a horrific day in American history.

"It's a sad day ... unfortunately, our strength has been exploited by our enemies – the reality that we are a free and open society," Delahunt said last night. "(But) we can't let fear paralyze our democratic institution.

"I think the disbelief has abated, and the that there is a sense of anger and a determination to bring to justice those who were responsible."

Delahunt says the events of yesterday should serve as a reminder that we live in a changed world, where wars no longer have strict borders, or even specifically-defined enemies.

It is time, he said, for Americans to answer whether we have the ability to collect the intelligence needed in this changed world, and reexamine what would be an effective national defense in the 21st century.

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LOCAL BUSINESS

Eerie silence as Cape commerce grinds to a halt

By JACK PERRY and SUSAN MOELLER
STAFF WRITERS

There was no business as usual yesterday.

In Hyannis, the aisles at the Star Market were virtually empty, while tellers at the Cape Cod Cents Savings Bank and Citizens Bank were passing time talking about the attacks in New York and Washington.

The Cape Cod Mall closed yesterday afternoon. Signs said stores were closed out of respect for families who had lost someone in the attacks.

Even stores that were open in Hyannis had little business.

"It's kind of eerie," said Pamela Kronberg, assistant manager at Bradford's Hardware in Hyannis. "I just went to lunch and nobody was there. Usually, at this time of day cars are backed up on Barnstable Road, but not today."

Dan Theberge, manager at Anderson Hardware in Hyannis, said business slowed shortly after news broke of the attacks.

"It dropped right off," he said. "I think people are home watching the news on TV."

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Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce employees were so upset that the chamber closed its information center rather than try to staff them yesterday, said Wendy Northcross, the chamber's chief operating officer.

"We're pretty upset that (two planes) originated in Boston," said Northcross. "We're kind of assuming that there's somebody we know out there."

The chamber had no staff members traveling anywhere yesterday, she said.

However, Anne O'Brien, wife of chamber chief executive officer John O'Brien, was due to fly from Italy into Newark, N.J., in the afternoon. O'Brien got word around 4 p.m. yesterday that his wife's flight had landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia. To get home, she was considering taking the ferry from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, to Portland, Maine.

The chamber also heard yesterday that the Massachusetts Technology Showcase, due to open today at the World Trade Center in Boston, has been canceled. The chamber had been scheduled to have a booth at the show to market the Cape as a prime location for technology firms and corporate conferences.

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Doug Fletcher, president of Convention Data Services in Bourne, was in Albany, N.Y., yesterday for a convention that never happened.

Fletcher's company provides database services, such as online registration, for large business meetings. The event in Albany was scheduled to attract 10,000 to 12,000 people. But with air traffic grounded, speakers couldn't get there. Another meeting in Chicago for 20,000 people went on as scheduled, Fletcher said.

Traffic on the company's Web site, where registration currently is available for about 25 events, dwindled to almost zero, he said. Clients either couldn't get through because of technical problems or were too preoccupied with the news.

There's no way to know yet how much yesterday's events will affect revenues, Fletcher said. Organizers in Albany are talking about rescheduling in November.

Meanwhile, his staff in Chicago never got off the ground on their flight home.

"We've still got a couple of people out there," Fletcher reported as he was driving back to the Cape yesterday afternoon. "My guys are driving back; that way at least they know they'll make it."

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Doreen Bilezikian, co-owner of the ChristmasTree Shops, was at a meeting in Middleboro with store managers when news of the explosions started filtering in.

"What a terrible thing. It gives me chills. I can't even talk about it without crying," said Bilezikian.

The company canceled plans to send staffers to Atlanta and Chicago today. It's too early to predict how yesterday's attacks could affect consumer confidence and spending, she said.

"I'm sure today people are glued to their TV sets," she said. "But by the same token, people need to get out and need to get on with their lives, no matter what the threat. They still have to live somewhat normally."

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Some members of the Cape's financial community must have been worrying about colleagues in New York City. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter has an office on North Street, Hyannis. It also has an office at the World Trade Center. The local office declined comment yesterday.

Robert Thornton, vice president for Advest Investments in Osterville, sent his support personnel home early.

Closing the stock market was the right move, said Thornton.

"It's my hope they do remain closed until we find out who is responsible and settle on a course of action," Thornton said. "If they were to open at this point, there would be a real panic sell."

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The 64 or so television sets at Tweeter Etc. in Hyannis were a handy place for keep up with the news. At least one group of five or six businessmen, cellphones in hand, stopped in.

"Everybody's been standing around, dumbfounded," said Tony Porter, a salesman. "It's surreal."

Customers Jamie and Cindy Francis of Centerville went to the store to "celebrate" with a television purchase after learning that their son was not hurt or killed in the attack. He works for Goldman Sachs in New York City and the couple initially thought – incorrectly – that he worked in the World Trade Center.

"We just spent a terrible 15 minutes until he called us," Mrs. Francis said.

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Trying to do business yesterday morning was nearly impossible for some. Gael Crasco, assistant to the president at Widax, a wireless Internet access company in Hyannis, found she couldn't reach New Jersey or New York via telephone.

The attack apparently damaged telephone equipment running under the World Trade Center. The sheer number of people trying to use telephones or access the Internet to reach loved ones or find news clogged communication channels, said Vernon Grabel, president of Cape.com, an Internet services company in Mashpee.

"The telephone system and Internet are not designed to accommodate all the users at one time," Grabel said. "When you get a major event of this sort where a larger percentage of people want to get access to e-mail or news sites, it taxes the system, no doubt."

Staff writer Rob Duca contributed to this report.

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Stores selling televisions attracted crowds yesterday as passersby assembled to watch the latest news unfold on the terrorist strikes. Construction workers on their lunch break catch a newscast at Best Buys at the Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis, which closed later in the afternoon. Nowhere was business operating as usual.

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The Massachusetts Air National Guard has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) designed for Otis Air National Guard Base.
- The INRMP provides the 102nd Fighter Wing's commander an adaptive plan for coordinating natural resource protection and management of Otis Air National Guard Base.
- This plan ensures that natural resource conservation measures are consistent with federal stewardship requirements to sustain native natural resources on an ecosystem scale and to comply with current legal mandates.

The Draft EA for the INRMP complies with appropriate provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act.
- A 30-day public comment period on the Draft EA for the INRMP begins on 12 September 2001 and concludes on 12 October 2001.
- Printed copies of the INRMP and the Draft EA are available for public review and comment at the town libraries of Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, and Sandwich, as well as the Coast Guard library on the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR).

Individuals should direct their written comments to:
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VETERANS REACT

Attacks produce chilling echo of Pearl Harbor

By JACK COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The parallels were too painful and obvious to ignore.

Deadly aircraft speeding toward unsuspecting targets on a quiet, radiant morning.

Casualties mounting in the thousands after a surprise attack.

PEGGY DANDRIDGE

An unprepared nation wrenched from peace to face a relentless foe.

"That's another Pearl Harbor," said Frank Gass of Hyannis, a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, after learning of yesterday's terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. "That's an act of war."

But unlike the Japanese assault on the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Hawaii nearly 60 years ago, which resulted in 2,403 U.S. military casualties, yesterday's massive terrorist strikes came mainly against civilian targets.

The Pentagon was also struck by a hijacked aircraft, but the damage was less severe than at the World Trade Center, where both towers collapsed within two hours of being struck by hijacked jetliners.

Not since the Battle of Gettysburg has a single day witnessed such carnage as was visited upon America yesterday morning.

Gass, 78, enlisted in the military within a year of Pearl Harbor. He worked as a mechanic in New Guinea and the Philippines and survived dozens of Japanese air strikes.

"It's scary, but I was a kid back then," he said. "I was gung-ho. I saw some guys just crack up."

George Alward, another Hyannis resident who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, said his reaction yesterday was probably not much different from that of other veterans.

"Every ex-military man, regardless of how old you are, you think about, 'What can I do?'" Alward said. "It's the first thing you think about."

Earlier that day, a Vietnam veteran came to Alward's house to put up wallpaper. He was so upset by the news, said Betty Alward, George Alward's wife, that "his hands were shaking."

Over at the Barnstable Senior Center, where many people are old enough to remember Pearl Harbor, things were quieter than usual.

"There aren't a lot of people here today," said employee Rose Capelle. "They are (home) sitting in front of their TVs."

"It's frightening. You don't know if it means if we are at war or not."

Peggy Dandridge, 76, of Centerville, knows what it's like to live under attack. She survived the Blitz – German air raids on London in 1940 and 1941 – and the terrifying V-1 and V-2 rockets to follow later in the war.

German air raids were so frequent that children "knew every aircraft that came across, all the boys and the girls, too."

"You were scared at first, but you got used to it," she said. "It became, after a while, somewhat commonplace."

Dandridge, who came to the United States in 1965 with her husband, Peter, was particularly fearful of the V-1 and V-2 rockets launched by the Germans from France against targets in England.

"That was scary, too," she said. "The engine would stop and then you knew it" – an explosion – "would follow."

"For years after the war ended I could not watch a fireworks display," Dandridge said.

Perhaps it was just a matter of time before the horrors of terrorism common in the Middle East and elsewhere would be endured by Americans, said Christian King, activities director at the Barnstable Senior Center.

"We felt ourselves immune from this kind of thing," King said. "All of this has always happened elsewhere.

"We will never be the same after this," she said. "Never."

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Was Otis asked to intercept planes?

■ It's unclear whether the FAA requested assistance from the 102nd Fighter Wing.

By JAMES KINSELLA
STAFF WRITER

OTIS AIR BASE – The 102nd Fighter Wing's mission includes responding to terrorist threats in New York and Washington.

In terrorist attacks yesterday, two commercial airliners crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, while another hit the Pentagon.

A spokeswoman for the 102nd yesterday declined to comment on whether fighter jets from the Cape-based unit sought to intercept any of the airliners before the crashes.

And it remained unclear last night whether the Federal Aviation Administration requested military assistance to intercept the airliners.

The 102nd, a Massachusetts Air National Guard unit, fulfills orders given by the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD.

NORAD, which protects both the United States and Canada, principally is concerned with protecting these nations from air intruders from the outside.

"NORAD is not normally focused inside the continental United States," said Maj. Barry Venable, a spokesman for the command.

But the command will respond to an FAA request to respond to a domestic aircraft that is behaving erratically.

Perhaps the best-known example is the October 1999 incident involving a Learjet carrying golfer Payne Stewart. The jet drifted over a number of states before crashing in a field in South Dakota. Military pilots sent to intercept the plane flew alongside the jet before it crashed.

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> STATEMENT FROM THE 102ND FIGHTER WING

Last night, Venable said he did not know whether the FAA asked NORAD to send up jets to intercept the airliners, which had moved off their courses.

An FAA spokeswoman, Laura Brown, declined to comment last night on whether the agency had requested intercepts.

And spokeswoman for the 102nd, Lt. Col. Margaret Quenneville, declined to comment on whether the fighter wing had been requested to intercept the airliners.

Venable said NORAD-directed jet fighters would be prepared to shoot down a civilian aircraft if that aircraft was posing a threat.

But he said the military would approach such incidents on a situation-by-situation basis.

Yesterday, the 102nd provided a two-page statement that described its mission.

"Our aircraft and their crews are on continuous 24-hour, 365-day alert to guard our skies," the wing stated.

"Specifically, our mission is to protect the northeast United States from armed attack from another nation, terrorist attack, and activities such as smuggling, illicit drug activity, and illegal immigration," the wing stated.

"Today, the 102nd Fighter Wing's area of responsibility includes over 500,000 square miles, 90 million people, and the major industrial centers of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Detroit and all national command centers in Washington, D.C.," the wing stated.

But even if the wing had been ordered to scramble its jets at Otis, which are on 24-hour alert, could it have intercepted the airliners in time?

American Airlines Flight 11 left Boston at 7:59 a.m. yesterday en route to Los Angeles.

The airliner changed its planned course around Albany and headed south toward New York City, crashing into the north tower of the World Trade Center at 8:45 a.m.

The change in course came about halfway through what turned out to be a 46-minute flight.

Flight 11 was a 767 jet. According to Boeing, the 767 has a cruising speed of 530 mph at 35,000 feet.

The F-15 flown by the 102th Fighter Wing can fly up to 1,875 mph, according to the Air Force. It would take an F-15 about 10 to 12 minutes to fly from Otis to New York City.

The planes

Details on the planes that crashed yesterday:

■ American Airlines Flight 11: A Boeing 767 en route from Boston to Los Angeles. The plane was carrying 81 passengers, nine flight attendants and two pilots. It crashed into a tower of New York's World Trade Center about 8:45 a.m. EDT.

■ United Airlines Flight 175: A Boeing 767 bound from Boston to Los Angeles. It was carrying 56 passengers, two pilots and seven flight attendants. It crashed into the other tower of the World Trade Center shortly after 9 a.m.

■ American Airlines Flight 77: A Boeing 757 en route from Dulles Airport near Washington to Los Angeles. The plane was carrying 58 passengers, four flight attendants and two pilots. It crashed into the Pentagon about 9:40 a.m.

■ United Airlines Flight 93: A Boeing 757 en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco. The plane was carrying 38 passengers, two pilots and five flight attendants. It crashed southeast of Pittsburgh around 10 a.m.

Gas supply anxiety

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Anxious consumers lined up at gas stations in various parts of the country yesterday to fill their tanks. In some locations, including this Topeka, Kan., station, prices reached as much as $5 and $6 a gallon. Stations raised their prices out of fear supplies will be disrupted as a result of terrorist attacks. Exxon Mobil and BP officials tried to reassure consumers and said supplies would not be hampered, except around New York City.

Painfully symbolic title postpones play's staging

By JOHANNA CROSBY
STAFF WRITER

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater has postponed the opening of its latest production because of yesterday's events.

The theater was scheduled to present the world premiere of "Horrifying, Absolutely Real, True Disasters," by Wellfleet playwright Gippe Hoppe, at 8 tonight.

"In light of today's profoundly senseless, shocking terrorist attacks, we have decided to postpone the opening of the play," Hoppe, the theater's co-artistic director, said in a theater release. "I wrote the play a year ago, and even though it does not, in any way, reflect the current tragic situation, the title may offend some people. We are sensitive to those possibilities, so we have decided to postpone the opening night by one week."

Hoppe, who is also directing the play, declined to comment by phone.

The play is now scheduled to open at 8 p.m. next Wednesday. It was scheduled to close Oct. 7, but a one-week extension is in the works.

"There is a crazy coincidence here," with the title mirroring yesterday's tragedy, Jeff Zinn, WHAT's producing artistic director, said by phone yesterday. He described the play, which focuses on the media blowing some stories out of proportion, as "extremely benign."

Zinn said that yesterday's events will create a "strange and interesting context" for the play.

"I don't think it's in bad taste for us to put on this play," he said. "We are just a little theater doing a play that was written well ahead of this. We are reeling from what happened like everybody else, and trying to decide on an appropriate response."

Those holding tickets for any of the postponed performances may contact the WHAT box office at 508-349-6835 to reschedule.

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IN OUR VIEW

Another day of infamy

■ The worst has happened. But history shows that attacks from our enemies can bring out the best in our people.

Our world is changed.

We began our day yesterday writing an editorial about income inequality in Massachusetts. We step into the newsroom and peer with disbelief at smoke rising from the World Trade Center. Minutes later, we see a second jet careen into the other tower, the very place where our children gaped in awe just months ago at the wonder of New York's skyline.

Terrorism enters our mind, but we try not to believe that much hate exists in our world.

Then President Bush confirms the worst. Before he can return to Washington from Florida, another hijacked jet crashes into the Pentagon.

> Terrorists can strike the very symbols of our country, but they cannot destroy what those symbols stand for.

Suddenly, we are a nation under siege. Suddenly, our hearts begin to race. Fear – the pervasive national fear never experienced by those born after World War II – grips our gut.

As we watch the trade towers collapse, knowing that 50,000 people work there, tears fill our eyes.

For those of us on Cape Cod, we hope far from the terrorist's bull's eye, there is helplessness. What can we do from the comfort of our offices and homes?

Pray.

Pray for the victims and their families.

Pray for our country.

We know that this day – Sept. 11, 2001 – will be etched as indelibly in the minds of our children as Dec. 7, 1941, is for their grandparents and Nov. 22, 1963, is for their parents.

The other task is to reflect, and plan. The attacks are a turning point in our history as a people. Our response will require a kind of resolve that may change, at least in the short term, our national priorities and the way we live our lives.

But as horrible as the events of yesterday appear, we know our country will survive. Yes, we will remember the ugly smoke billowing over Lower Manhattan. But we will also remember the Statue of Liberty, still standing tall, in the foreground.

Terrorists can strike the very symbols of our country, but they cannot destroy what those symbols stand for.

As President John Kennedy said:

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

An invitation

On Sunday, the Cape Cod Times will publish a section of letters from readers about yesterday's attack on America.

Please include thoughtful reflections on what this attack means for our country, and how our country should respond.

Limit the letter's length to 250 words so that we can publish as many letters as possible.

E-mail your letters to wmills@capecodonline.com, mail them to Timothy DeMarce, Cape Cod Times, 319 Main St., Hyannis, MA 02601, or fax them to DeMarce at 508-771-3292. **Deadline for letters is noon tomorrow.**

QuoteUNQUOTE

"The passage of the Marine Mammal Protection Act in 1972 is largely responsible for the seal's return to the Cape Cod waters."

KEVIN McCARTHY
East Falmouth

LETTERS

Shame on the Times for ignoring parade

On Sept. 9, our family had the great pleasure to witness what was probably the nicest parade any of us have ever seen. The parade coincided with Eastham's 350th birthday.

We write to express our dismay that there wasn't even a mention of this parade in your paper. Even if the Windmill Weekend coordinators forgot to inform your paper of the festivities, you would think that someone there would have noticed that Route 6 was closed for hours, that two fighter jets were performing aerial stunts, a low-flying state police helicopter was traveling up and down Route 6, fire engines and police vehicles from all over the Cape were headed here, and busloads of marching bands were passing through the Cape to participate.

Shame on you, Cape Cod Times, for missing the opportunity to show what is good about our communities. It would have been nice to have seen a picture of the local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, or any of the local businesses or civic organizations that put so much into this parade, on your front page.

STEVE and RHONDA GARRAN
Eastham

Killing isn't the answer to goose conflicts

I write on behalf of the Humane Society of the United States in response to the Sept. 4 article "Hunting starts for 'flying rats.' "I was distressed because the story did not offer both sides of the issue. Not only did the article falsely suggest that killing is the only way to deal with goose conflicts, it also resorted to calling the already-maligned animals "flying rats" and proceeded to offer tips on cooking geese from a state spokesman.

There are many nonlethal methods for dealing with geese. Both Bass River and Bayberry Hills country clubs use specially trained dogs to keep geese off their golf courses, and in other places, neighborhood dogs scare geese away. Sometimes habitats can be modified to attract fewer geese. Golf courses not located near fresh water, such as Bay Pointe, don't have goose problems.

The Humane Society opposes hunting wildlife for sport or trophy. We must ask: Does the inconvenience of having geese around really justify a special hunting season, especially when we can deal with geese peaceably?

When the important questions and nonlethal solutions are left unaddressed, it's no wonder the discourse turns to the best way to serve up a roast goose dinner. We look to the Cape Cod Times to provide a balanced perspective – both to express the frustrations of golf courses in dealing with "nuisance" geese and to admit the fondness many people have for this species. What's needed is balanced journalism that offers real information and real solutions and doesn't make light of a disturbing public policy.

JESSICA ALMY
Wildlife Advocate
Cape Wildlife Center
West Barnstable

'Greatest Generation' gave next one purpose

I just read John Balzar's thought-provoking column Sept. 10 on the "Greatest Generation." It certainly provoked a few of my thoughts.

If my generation, besides living through the Depression, winning World War II and rebuilding the country after the war, had done the things that he thinks we missed, what would there have been left for his generation to do?

ERNIE SOLIT
Orleans

It's a far sight better to give us good news

Your front-page Sept. 8 headline "The gift of sight" and the accompanying story about the Peruvian youth's operation was wonderful. It was so refreshing to read about people who care about others and do all they can to help. The news can be so depressing a good part of the time. Please concentrate more on the good people of this world and their stories. It would brighten up the day for your readers.

ANGELA SULLIVAN
Pocasset

It's guns and not pens that won our freedom

In their Sept. 7 My View column, Jim Ottaway Jr. and Ronald Koven wrote: "Not only is any international ethics code a dangerous idea that has been consistently opposed by press freedom groups when proposed elsewhere, but it is certainly not the business of any U.N. agency to write, adopt or try to enforce an ethics code."

It contradicts the company policy I see now the Cape Cod Times owner's company policy opposes the U.N. overturning the First Amendment. But the pen did not win freedom from an oppressive British government, but rather the same weapons (rifles) used by revolutionaries against that tyrannical government's troops. The press may need rifles (or submachine guns if that is what government troops are using) to overcome a tyrannical government trying to squelch the First Amendment, which fails to say it "shall not be abridged."

Look at Nazi Germany, Stalin's Russia, and today's China to realize that nasty governments are a reality, with defenseless victims and civilians. Reread the above quote, and your July 11 editorial, titled "Global guns," to be convinced of this fact.

RICHARD P. BRADY
Mashpee

'Silly musical revue' one of season's best

Kathi Scrizzi Driscoll's comment on "Oil City Symphony" in the Sept. 7 Cape Week – "a silly musical revue about nerdy musicians paying tribute to a teacher at their high school reunion" – makes me wonder if she actually saw the show.

What she says the show was "about" was really a 5- to 10-minute comedy skit (one of many). What I saw were four extremely talented musicians-singers-comedians who kept a packed house in laughter for a solidly entertaining two hours. I, and several of those around me, thought that this show ranked right up there with "Forty Second Street" as the two best shows of the season.

GEORGE F. GREGORY
Yarmouthport

Seals abounded here till we killed them off

I take issue with Molly Benjamin's Sept. 1 column, "Surge in seals mostly our own doing." She misrepresents the situation by her glaring omission of pertinent facts. The seals we see in Cape Cod waters not only "used to live off Maine in the summer," but they used to live in Cape Cod waters as well, until we killed them off.

Responding to protests by commercial fishermen, New England states enacted bounties on seal pelts. Bounty hunters killed off Massachusetts' seals for almost a century, and by 1900 the harbor seal population of Massachusetts was on the brink of extinction. The Massachusetts bounty was in place until 1962, and despite the mass seal killings, there was no noticeable increase in the fish stocks.

Commercial fishermen have not been banned from catching cod because of an increasing seal population. They've been banned because years of overfishing have depleted the stocks to alarming levels. Seals are not responsible for the cod being gone, humans are, period.

The passage of the Marine Mammal Protection Act in 1972 is largely responsible for the seal's return to the Cape Cod waters. Seals are wild animals that make the increasingly urban Cape Cod a wilder place. Like the coyotes I see in the woods behind our house, I welcome their return.

As for Ms. Benjamin's opinion of western Massachusetts' growing beaver population and the occasional moose sighting, I'll save my comments for a future letter.

KEVIN McCARTHY
East Falmouth

Dispelling the curse is just a matter of syntax

Maybe we ought to just call it the "Gift of the Bambino" and move on.

PAUL BERKOWITZ
Brewster

MY VIEW

America will find a way to prevail

By BRAD WARTHEN

Sometime within the next 24 hours, no doubt, some television talking head somewhere will say, "This doesn't happen here."

Yes, it does. It has.

It's happened before, in fact. It just wasn't this close to home.

We remember Pearl Harbor. We'll remember this, too.

The question is, what will we do about it?

Two nights ago, the nation delved back into its history with a celebrated media event, the premiers of the television version of Stephen Ambrose's "Band of Brothers."

We marvel at how a previous generation responded to an unprecedented crisis – a sudden attack by a ruthless, remorseless enemy. We think of those people as the "greatest generation," and they deserve that appellation because of the way they came together to settle their own crisis and secure our future.

And we all wonder: Are we like them? Do we have it in us?

We're about to find out.

We're about to find out if we can snap out of shock, pull ourselves off the ground, set our petty differences aside, and come together as a nation to deal with our enemies.

> Our response will have to be different from that to Pearl Harbor. This appears to be a different kind of enemy – the worst kind of coward.

For now, there is no question that we have enemies. And these enemies are in many ways different from Imperial Japan. In some ways, they are worse.

Pearl Harbor was an attack upon a distant outpost of American military power. The attack, as sudden and dishonest and vicious as it was, was at least an attack that made strategic sense in traditional military logic. And while there were civilian casualties, the obvious primary target was our fighting men and their machines of war.

This time, there is no pretense of such rudimentary "decency," if you want to stretch so far as to call it that. This time, civilians were the target every bit as much – if not more so – as our men and women in uniform.

This was a strike – and a temporarily successful one – at the chief power centers that have given this nation the strength to stand astride the world as its only superpower.

We are the world's largest economy, so they struck, with devastating effect, at the very symbolic heart of that strength.

We are the undisputed military champion of the world, guarantor of security not only for this nation but for the rest of the globe. And this time they struck not just battleships and sailors, but the nerve center of our military colossus.

The greatest gift this nation has given the world is our form of democracy. And they have shut down and evacuated our Capitol and the White House. The home of the most powerful man in the world stands empty, surrounded by nervous men with automatic weapons and itchy trigger fingers.

The nation that gave the world flight is frozen, earthbound, at a standstill.

We are stunned. This attack has been devastatingly successful. We don't know who did it, and we don't know how much there is to come.

Our response will have to be different from the response after Pearl Harbor. This appears to be a different kind of enemy – the worst kind of coward. An enemy who strikes, and ducks and runs and hides.

How to prevail against such an enemy and restore peace and prosperity to the land is not immediately apparent.

But we will find a way. This is the same nation that was laid low 60 years ago, by an enemy who thought we lacked the will or the know-how to stop them. They were wrong then, and they're wrong now.

We may not be the greatest generation, but we are their grandchildren. We are Americans. We are shocked, and we will mourn.

But then we'll dust ourselves off, and find a way.

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DOONESBURY

By Garry Trudeau

'All of us were assaulted'

Here are excerpts from opinion pieces written by columnists across the country.

The target of terrorists

Just at the moment when American political debate had reached a nadir of frivolousness, with wrangling about nonexistent "lock boxes" and the like, the nation's decade-long holiday from history came to a shattering end.

After about half a century of war and Cold War, Americans came to feel, understandably, that the world was too much with them, and they turned away from it. What happened yesterday morning, and can happen again, underscored the abnormality of the decade.

The terrorists' targets were symbols not just of American power, but also its virtues. The twin towers of the World Trade Center are, like Manhattan itself, architectural expressions of the vigor of American civilization. The Pentagon is a symbol of America's ability and determination to project and defend democratic values. These targets have drawn, like gathered lightning, the anger of the enemies of civilization. Those enemies are always out there.

To keep all this in perspective, Americans should focus on the fact that such acts as yesterday's do not threaten America's social well-being or even its physical strength.

Americans are slow to anger but mighty when angry, and their proper anger now should be alloyed with pride. They are targets because of their virtues – principally democracy.

– George Will

A frozen moment

There are many Americans who can still remember exactly where they were and what they were doing on Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941. Others have similar memories of that day in November 1963, when they heard about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Now, in the wake of what appears to be a coordinated terrorist attack on the United States, we have another of those moments in history that will sear itself into our consciousness.

Living as we do, in a sort of comfortable domestic cocoon that represents life for most Americans, it is a shock to come face to face with the sort of hatred that can produce the scenes that we witnessed yesterday. And yet this is probably more the norm of the world than we care to realize.

Yesterday morning, America's innocence vanished in the roar of hijacked aircraft that poured destruction on the power symbols of this country.

– Jim Coogan, Cape Cod Times

New York is one city

I don't think any American will ever be the same after the chain of events that began shortly before 9 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001. Certainly, no resident of New York City will ever be the same.

Even now, the toll from this disaster has not sunk in. The realization unfolded slowly throughout the day.

I began a sweaty trudge to work – and the scene that spread out before me was surreal.

Broadway was almost devoid of traffic – except for the emergency convoys of police cars, armored vehicles and ambulances that screamed by.

As I looked south down Sixth Avenue, I could see thick white clouds of smoke billowing beyond the buildings in the foreground. Then I reached Fifth Avenue.

Oh, my God.

The smoke was black, and it was everywhere. We simply could not see downtown. The avenue was corridored off at the Empire State Building. A police officer was speaking into a bullhorn – telling the thousands of people who had gathered around to start walking. The 59th Street Bridge was open to pedestrian traffic, he suggested, and so was the Brooklyn Bridge.

Let me tell you something. Regardless of what any politician may say, New York is one city. You can tell it on the streets on a good day. But on what may turn out to be the very worst day in our history, you can absolutely feel it.

No horns honked. No one shouted or shoved in the crowds. No one screamed curses. Most people were just worried sick. It seems the city got another kind of civic communion this morning.

I didn't spot any nonbelievers.

– Joseph Dolman, Newsday

All in U.S. are victims

As the story unfolded in all its explosive horror, we went from shocked disbelief to irrational fear. From fear to relief. And, finally, to anger.

It started in New York and spread to Washington. It touched Boston and Los Angeles and Pittsburgh. Until, ultimately, it touched all of us, no matter where we were. No matter who we were.

Nothing in this country's history – not Pearl Harbor, not Oklahoma City, not the previous attack on the World Trade Center – brought with it such national fear. Maybe we didn't live in any of those places on our television screens, but we knew someone who did. Loved someone who did. Worried about someone who did.

By the theory of six degrees of separation, all of us were personally assaulted yesterday.

– D. L. Stewart, the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

Terror will reveal who we are

By BILL TAMMEUS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – What we felt most acutely was fear, the uncontrolled fire of angst and dread that eats away our assurance that the world is a safe and hospitable place.

We could see clearly on our televisions that New York and Washington were burning, that something unspeakable and bizzare was happening.

But what we didn't know – couldn't at first know – was whether somehow the whole world was unraveling, whether we were all in the crosshairs of fanatics who were determined to bring our lives crashing down. Whether what was happening in the East would begin to happen next here in the Heartland. Whether, as poet William Butler Yeats once wrote, mere anarchy was being loosed upon the world.

Fear like that knots the heart. It causes the soul to shake and shiver. It stirs rage at whoever unleashed this evil but also – perhaps irrationally – at whoever should have prevented it and didn't.

Just before the fear, what most of us felt was radical disbelief. In retrospect, of course, it's clear that such disbelief usually is born of naivete. And clearly we are guilty of naivete.

Despite previous terrorist attacks – not only in 1993 at the World Trade Center, site of the first attack Tuesday, but also in 1995 in Oklahoma City – most of us assume we live in a protected country, a place where terrorism can gain no permanent footing.

This sense of security, however foolish and ephemeral, is a luxury most of the world does not enjoy. People regularly die violently in the hostile air of Bosnia and Kosovo, of Rwanda and Belfast. The fear that people in New York and Washington – and the rest of the United States – experienced Tuesday morning was in some ways like what a lot of people on the globe worry about daily.

Now, of course, we will worry about it, too. We must. We simply no longer can afford the kind of innocence that imagines we are free from attack merely because we are, at core, a good-hearted people who love liberty.

> Remind yourselves, your children, that when the darkness of evil envelopes our people, we respond with grace and spirit and valor.

For one thing, important parts of the world don't see us in that innocent way. For another, if we don't protect and preserve our freedoms by being watchful, cautious, careful, we may give away our role as the guardian of liberty. The world can't afford to have us do that.

This doesn't mean turning our country into a police state, abandoning all individual liberties, rounding up anyone who looks suspicious. We must resist that kind of natural response.

But it does mean that our systems for detecting and thwarting hijackers and other terrorists must be analyzed and improved. It does mean that the people in charge of protecting us from terrorism must be as clever as the terrorists. We must give them the resources for that – all the while making sure they don't run amok in their zealousness.

As the post-attack days unfold, it will help all of us to pay special attention to the stories of heroism we will hear. You can be sure that as people tried to escape the collapsing World Trade Center, lots of people – not just trained emergency workers, but also many others – performed acts of bravery and courage.

We will discover, in those stories, the true heart of our people. In the face of danger and disaster, most Americans inevitably seek to ease pain and offer comfort. They risk their own lives. They value the lives of others at risk because they understand that every individual – no matter social rank – is of inestimable value.

Pay attention to those stories as they get told. Remind yourselves, your children, your grandchildren, that when the darkness of evil envelopes our people, we respond with grace and spirit and valor. We saw it in Oklahoma City. We saw it in Kansas City when the skywalks collapsed at the Hyatt Hotel in 1981. We see it wherever destruction engulfs us.

We now will enter a protracted period of national grief that will be full not only of pain but also of recrimination and angry ideas for how to respond. As this takes place, let's remember what we value. Let's remember who we are. Let's not give in to blind and widespread hatred. Rather, let us hold accountable whoever it was who rained havoc on us. Let us bind up our wounds, mourn with those who mourn, comfort those whose losses were terrifying, shocking and irreplaceable.

This will not be easy, but it's what we all must do, including me. As I was hurriedly writing this piece, I learned from one of my sisters that her only son may have been on the hijacked flight from Boston that crashed into the World Trade Center.

We all pray it isn't true, but whether it was my nephew or someone else's nephew or son or daughter, the response must be the same. We must seek complete justice even as we hold each other up and become for one another the channels of grace and the deep wells from which we will need to draw comfort.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 12, the 255th day of 2001. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 12, 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed the issue of his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Protestant group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

On this date:

In 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into the river that now bears his name.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer George Jones is 70. Actress Linda Gray is 61. Singer Barry White is 57.

Thought for Today: "I have seen gross intolerance shown in support of tolerance." – Samuel Taylor Coleridge, English poet and author (1772-1834).

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Cape Weather Page

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
73°	58°	75° / 56°	65° / 52°	65° / 50°	65° / 54°
Mostly sunny.	Partly cloudy.	Clouds, limited sun; afternoon shower.	Morning clouds, shower, then partial clearing; wind.	Mostly sunny, breezy and cool.	Sun mixing with clouds.

Marine Forecast

Small-craft operators should be prepared for large ocean swells, the product of Hurricane Erin. The storm will remain no closer than New England, but the swells it is producing will continue to radiate outward toward the coast. Winds today: east southeast at 5-14 knots. Visibility: 5 miles. Wave heights: 1-2 feet in the bays, 3-6 feet nearshore and 5-10 feet well offshore.

Cape Cod Bay Today

Water Temperature	68
Wave Heights	1-2 feet
Wind Direction & Velocity (kts)	ESE 6-12

National Seashore

Water Temperature	69
Wave Heights	4-6 feet
Surf	Moderate
Wind Dir. & Vel. (kts)	ESE 7-14

Buzzards Bay Today

Water Temperature	69
Wave Heights	1-2 feet
Wind Direction & Velocity (kts)	ESE 5-10

Nantucket Sound Today

Water Temperature	69
Wave Heights	2-3 feet
Surf	Light
Wind Direction & Velocity (kts)	ESE 6-12

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Cape Cod Forecast

A significant change in much cooler weather will unfold over the next 48 hours. Today will be mostly sunny and noticeably cool with temperatures reaching the low to middle 70s. Tonight will be partly cloudy with lows generally in the 50s. Tomorrow, a mild flow will continue. A cold front coming in from the northwest could will bring a couple of showers to the area later in the day and at night.

Extended Forecast

Clouds and showers will linger for a while on Friday, then the front will push off the coast. Drier air coming in from the northwest will allow some sunshine to return by Friday afternoon. It will be breezy and noticeably cooler with temperatures holding in the 60s. The very cool flow of air will continue on Saturday with highs once again only reaching the 60s.

The sky

Rise Today: 6:18 am
Set Today: 6:56 pm
Daylight: 12 hrs. 38 min.

Ultraviolet Index Today
The higher the number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.
0-2 minimal 3-4 low 5-6 moderate 7-9 high 10+ very high

New	First	Full	Last
Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 2	Oct 10

For 24 hours beginning 6 am today:

	Rise	Set
Moon	12:14 am	3:53 pm
Venus	3:44 am	5:44 pm
Mars	3:05 pm	11:40 pm
Jupiter	12:35 am	2:37 pm
Saturn	10:47 pm	1:32 pm

Skywatch: These dark, moonless nights are perfect for seeing the Milky Way galaxy. The faint glow stretches from the southwest overhead to the northeast.

Area Tides

Today	High Tides AM (Ft)	High Tides PM (Ft)	Low Tides AM (Ft)	Low Tides PM (Ft)
Canal Entrance (Cape)	6:50 (0.2)	7:11 (0.3)	12:47 (0.6)	12:58 (1.2)
Bernstein Beach Pt.	7:04 (0.6)	7:01 (10.2)	1:13 (0.7)	1:28 (1.3)
Wellfleet (Bay Side)	7:01 (0.4)	7:24 (10.3)	1:13 (0.7)	1:28 (1.4)
Provincetown	7:39 (0.4)	7:38 (9.7)	1:58 (0.7)	1:16 (1.3)
Truro Point	6:51 (0.3)	7:05 (9.8)	12:40 (0.7)	12:56 (1.2)
Chatham (North Beach)	7:05 (0.2)	7:42 (7.1)	1:06 (0.5)	1:24 (0.9)
Chatham (Inside)	6:50 (0.3)	7:26 (9.8)	12:58 (0.6)	1:16 (1.2)
Pleasant Bay	6:21 (0.3)	6:36 (9.5)	4:39 (0.5)	4:55 (0.9)
Stage Harbor	7:45 (0.5)	8:07 (9.2)	1:30 (0.5)	1:48 (0.5)
Bass River	7:47 (0.5)	8:09 (9.0)	1:32 (0.5)	1:50 (0.5)
Hyannis Port	7:38 (0.6)	8:03 (8.9)	1:32 (0.5)	1:39 (0.4)
Cotuit	8:05 (0.3)	8:27 (8.7)	1:59 (0.3)	1:46 (0.3)
Popponesset Beach	8:07 (0.3)	8:29 (8.6)	2:01 (0.3)	1:48 (0.3)
Shoal Hole	7:38 (0.6)	8:03 (8.9)	1:32 (0.5)	1:39 (0.4)
Nantucket Harbor	8:09 (0.6)	8:34 (8.6)	1:34 (0.5)	1:02 (0.6)
Muskeget Channel	6:25 (0.5)	6:50 (9.0)	11:51 (0.6)	11:12 (0.8)
Cape Cod Canal (RR Bridge)	6:03 (0.2)	6:33 (0.3)	12:05 (0.6)	11:31 (0.5)

Tomorrow	High Tides AM (Ft)	High Tides PM (Ft)	Low Tides AM (Ft)	Low Tides PM (Ft)
Canal Entrance (East)	7:38 (0.2)	8:03 (0.3)	1:40 (0.6)	1:59 (0.8)
Bernstein Beach Pt.	8:08 (0.6)	8:33 (10.2)	2:13 (0.6)	2:28 (1.0)
Wellfleet (Bay Side)	8:04 (0.4)	8:28 (11.1)	2:13 (0.6)	2:28 (1.0)
Provincetown	8:11 (0.5)	8:33 (10.2)	2:01 (0.4)	2:17 (0.9)
Truro Point	7:51 (0.3)	8:15 (10.0)	1:45 (0.4)	1:57 (0.8)
Chatham (North Beach)	8:27 (0.6)	8:44 (7.4)	2:55 (0.3)	2:25 (0.7)
Chatham (Inside)	8:01 (0.4)	10:06 (9.3)	4:09 (0.2)	4:25 (0.4)
Pleasant Bay	10:33 (0.1)	10:48 (9.5)	5:10 (0.1)	5:26 (0.3)
Stage Harbor	10:57 (0.2)	9:09 (9.2)	2:21 (0.2)	2:37 (0.4)
Bass River	9:45 (0.6)	10:05 (9.1)	3:29 (0.1)	3:45 (0.3)
Hyannis Port	9:54 (0.3)	9:15 (9.4)	3:14 (0.1)	2:30 (0.2)
Cotuit	9:51 (0.3)	9:28 (9.0)	2:30 (0.1)	2:46 (0.3)
Popponesset Beach	9:58 (0.3)	9:30 (8.9)	2:32 (0.1)	2:48 (0.3)
Shoal Hole	9:54 (0.3)	9:15 (9.4)	3:14 (0.1)	2:30 (0.2)
Nantucket Harbor	9:52 (0.6)	9:10 (9.4)	3:02 (0.1)	2:31 (0.5)
Muskeget Channel	8:25 (0.5)	8:50 (9.0)	10:35 (0.2)	---- (---)
East Chop	9:36 (0.6)	9:55 (8.8)	3:48 (0.1)	11:16 (0.1)
Oak Bluffs	9:59 (0.5)	10:18 (8.8)	3:46 (0.1)	11:16 (0.1)
Edgartown	9:31 (0.5)	9:50 (8.8)	12:16 (0.1)	11:46 (0.1)
Woods Hole (WHOI)	9:01 (0.4)	9:24 (9.2)	12:53 (0.2)	11:54 (0.1)
Canal (RR Bridge)	9:43 (0.4)	9:51 (9.1)	1:20 (0.6)	12:45 (0.5)

National temperature roundup

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Thu. Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	84	62	s	83	63	s
Boston	73	58	s	75	57	sh
Chicago	82	59	pc	69	48	pc
Detroit	80	58	pc	67	46	pc
Flagstaff	76	46	pc	77	51	sh
Grand Rapids	78	54	pc	61	44	pc
Helena	75	44	pc	84	44	r
Jackson, MS	89	67	s	90	65	s
Kansas City	88	61	s	85	64	pc
Las Angeles	73	64	pc	75	62	s
Miami	86	74	t	86	74	t
New York	78	60	s	78	60	sh
Oklahoma City	94	63	s	86	69	s
Portland, ME	71	51	sh	75	52	sh
Reno	80	46	pc	78	46	s
San Francisco	70	56	pc	73	57	pc
Tampa	85	74	t	84	74	t
Wash., DC	82	60	s	82	66	pc

Global temperature roundup

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Thu. Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	88	75	t	90	76	sh
Barcelona	70	59	pc	77	61	pc
Dublin	63	47	r	59	47	s
Edmonton	59	44	pc	66	46	pc
Frankfurt	57	51	sh	58	47	r
Geneva	57	47	c	66	51	c
Hong Kong	89	79	sh	88	79	pc
Istanbul	75	69	s	79	55	s
Jerusalem	80	66	s	81	62	s
London	63	56	pc	61	47	pc
Moscow	66	57	pc	70	60	sh
Paris	62	48	pc	59	44	sh
Rome	75	59	s	74	54	s
San Juan	90	75	s	89	73	pc
Toronto	78	66	sh	64	36	c
Warsaw	66	46	sh	61	51	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

New England Forecast

Wednesday, September 12, 2001

Quebec 61/54 · Montreal 67/50 · Burlington 68/54 · Berlin 68/48 · Augusta 72/51 · Rutland 68/53 · Portland 71/53 · Manchester 74/52 · Worcester 71/54 · Boston 72/58 · Springfield 75/55 · Providence 75/56 · Hartford 77/59 · New Bedford 74/56 · Bridgeport 76/55 · New York City 78/60

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

National Forecast

Wednesday, September 12, 2001

Shown are most positions of weather systems. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s

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Almanac

Statistics for Hyannis through 4 pm yesterday

Temperature

Yesterday's high/low	75°/67°
Normal high/low	72°/55°
Last year high/low	72°/59°
Record high	91° (1931)
Record low	40° (1963)

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	trace
Normal month to date	1.21"
Year to date	30.51"
Normal year to date	29.07"
Today's record	1.75" (1956)

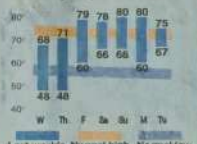
Barometric pressure
Yesterday's readings

Low	29.99 in. at 3:00 am
High	30.03 in. at 9:00 am

Humidity

Yesterday at noon	61%
Today's average	90%
Tomorrow	50%-65%

Weekly Temperature Trend



Last week's temps. · Normal high temps. · Normal low temps.

The air

Pollen taken on 9/11.

Grass	Absent
Trees	Absent
Weeds	Low
Mold	Moderate

Source: Allergy and Asthma Specialists of Chelmsford

Air Quality
Air quality is measured by ozone content. High ozone levels impair breathing.

Yesterday	Good
Today	Good

Source: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Gardening

Sunshine for much of today. The humidity will start at around 75 percent, then lower to 45 percent in the afternoon. Most of tomorrow will be dry and mild, but a couple of showers are possible late in the day and at night. A few showers may linger early on Friday.

ATTACK ON AMERICA

Fleeing chaos

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pedestrians run from the area of the World Trade Center as the center's south tower collapses yesterday. Federal Aviation Administration officials ordered the nation's airports closed and military fighter planes patrolled the New York skyline, after two hijacked planes crashed into the landmark twin towers and another plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

EYEWITNESS

A 66th-floor view of 'surreal' chaos

■ A D-Y grad sees the twin tower attacks from her Rockefeller Center office.

By SUSAN MOELLER
STAFF WRITER

Jeni Landers stepped off the elevator on the 66th floor of Rockefeller Center yesterday in time to get a big-screen view of horror.

"People were standing at the reception desk, looking out the big window with a view all the way down to the World Trade towers," she said. "At that point, there was just a huge hole in the side of the building and there was smoke just pouring out of the hole. We couldn't believe it.

"We're just standing there watching – and the second tower got hit."

Landers, 27, graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School and Smith College in Northhampton. She's an executive assistant at Lazard, an investment firm with offices at Rockefeller Center at 50th Street in midtown Manhattan. Her parents, Sherwood and Linda Landers, live in Dennis.

The first plane had just flown into the World Trade Center as she arrived at the office. A few minutes later, the second hit.

At that moment, Landers and her fellow workers decided to evacuate. Rockefeller Center is not only tall, but a New York landmark – a possible target.

Once on the ground, however, no one seemed to know what to do next.

"I was definitely scared," she said. "Everybody knew there were more planes in the air. Nobody knew what the other targets were, what was going to happen. Everybody was sort of walking away, and I decided to start walking home. The subways were all shut down.

"I got outside and I thought, when my mother hears this, she's going to tell me I have to leave New York."

Landers lives in Astoria, N.Y., part of Queens. It's usually a 35-minute commute by subway. Yesterday, it took her about an hour and a half to walk the distance. She first stopped to buy a pair of sneakers so she could ditch her high heels.

Her cellphone wasn't working in Manhattan and the lines were long at pay phones, so she had to wait until she was almost to Queens to call and let her parents know she was safe.

"You deal with a lot in New York City every day," she said from her apartment yesterday afternoon. "Not a lot of things scare me. But when we saw that second building, we really just panicked and wanted to get out of that building. And then, just thinking about the thousands of people in those buildings and on those planes. . . .

"It's just been surreal. That's the only word I can think of to describe it."

Employees at Lazard were given an emergency number to call about returning to work. As of the afternoon, Landers did not know if she would be working today.

The eeriest moment came when she looked back on the New York skyline as she walked home across the 59th Street Bridge.

"To walk across the bridge and see those buildings gone, it made me sick."

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